

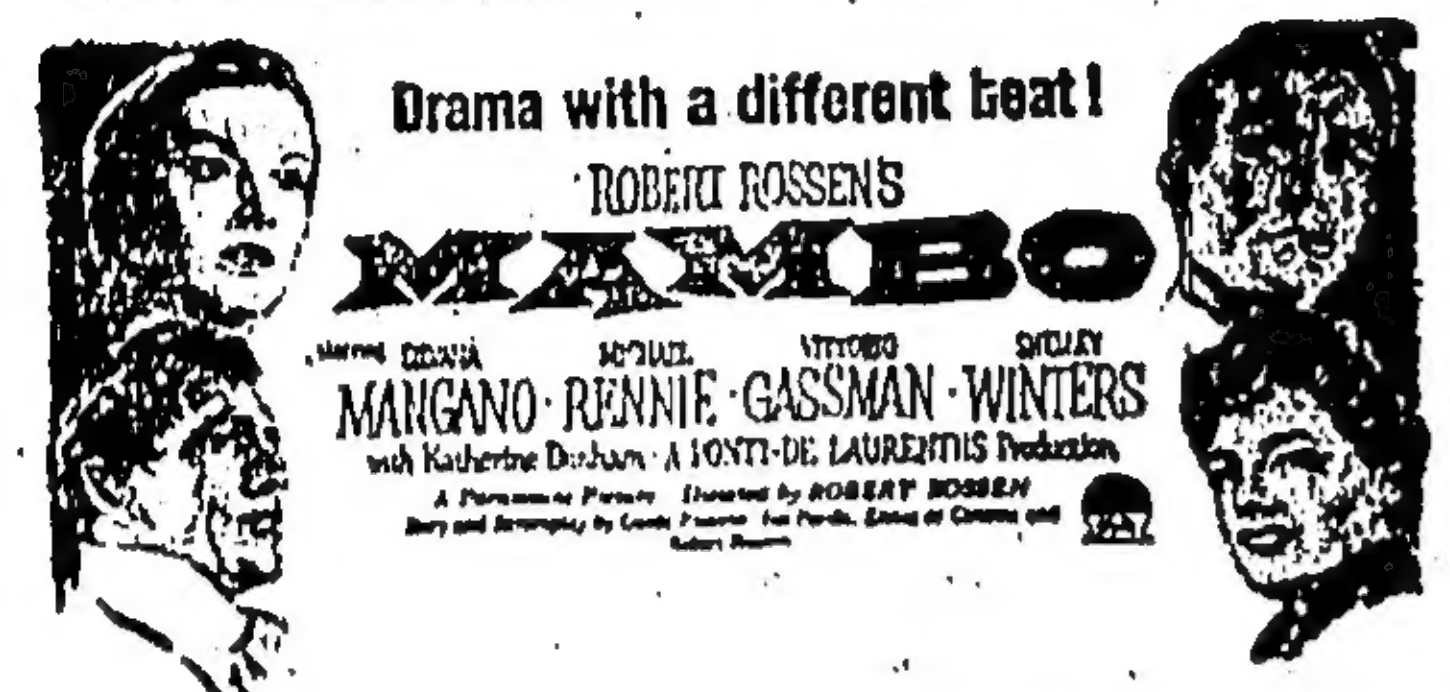
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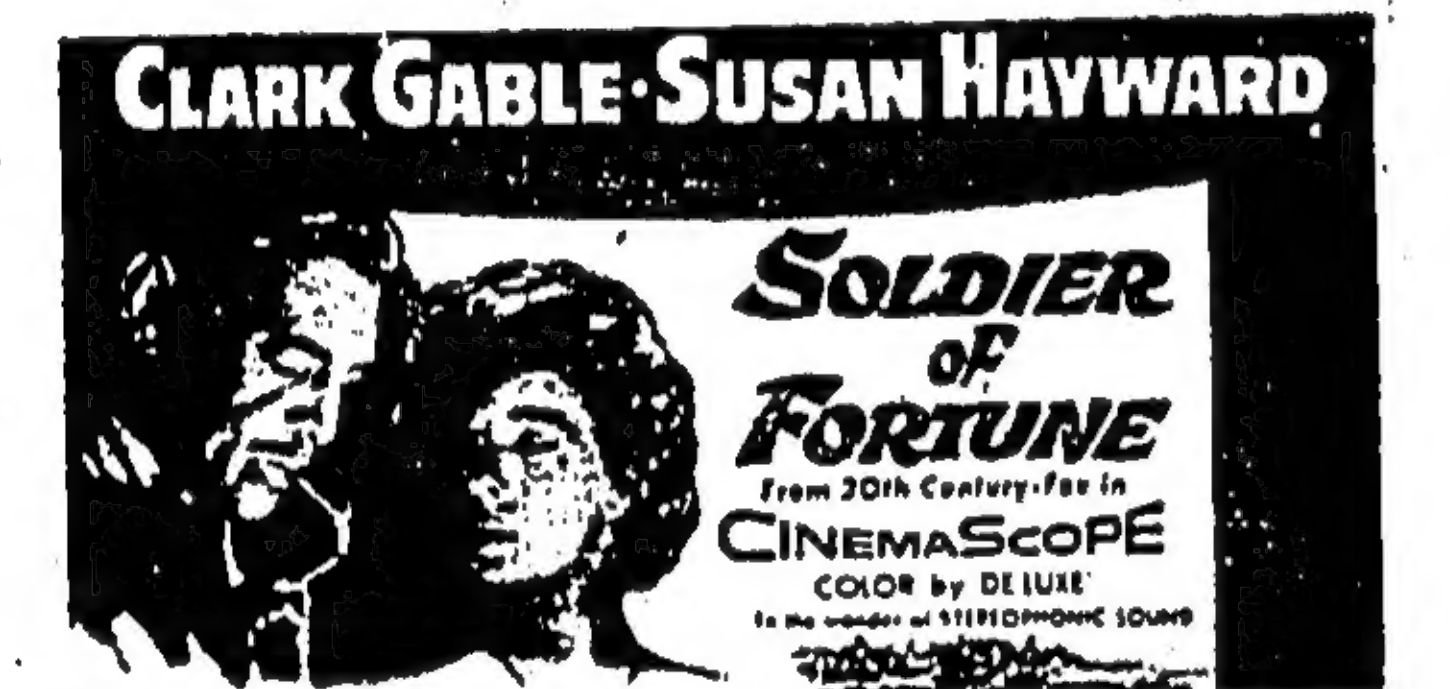
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WEST GERMAN ARMY DECIDED

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Bonn, July 26.

A parliamentary committee of the West German Bundestag today settled the details of West Germany's embryo army — A 6,000-strong force which will be headed by a general, two lieutenant generals and three major-generals.

The volunteers are to be enlisted in preparation for setting up armed forces eventually planned to number 500,000.

Dr Richard Jaeger, Chairman of the Security Committee of the Bundestag, said the two Lieutenant-Generals would probably be former Wehrmacht Generals Adolf Heusinger and Hans Speidel.

Speidel was Field Marshal Rommel's Chief-of-Staff on the Western Front. He has been acting as German representative at Allied Supreme Headquarters in Europe. General Heusinger was wartime Chief of the German Supreme Command's Operation Division.

The security Committee, sitting in joint session with the Budget Committee, approved a number of decisions relating to the new army and the Defence Ministry of Herr Theodor Blank. The decisions do not need to be approved by the full House.

Allocation

The Committee allocated 38,500,000 marks (\$3,300,000 sterling) to implement the new army Bill under which the new army is to be created.

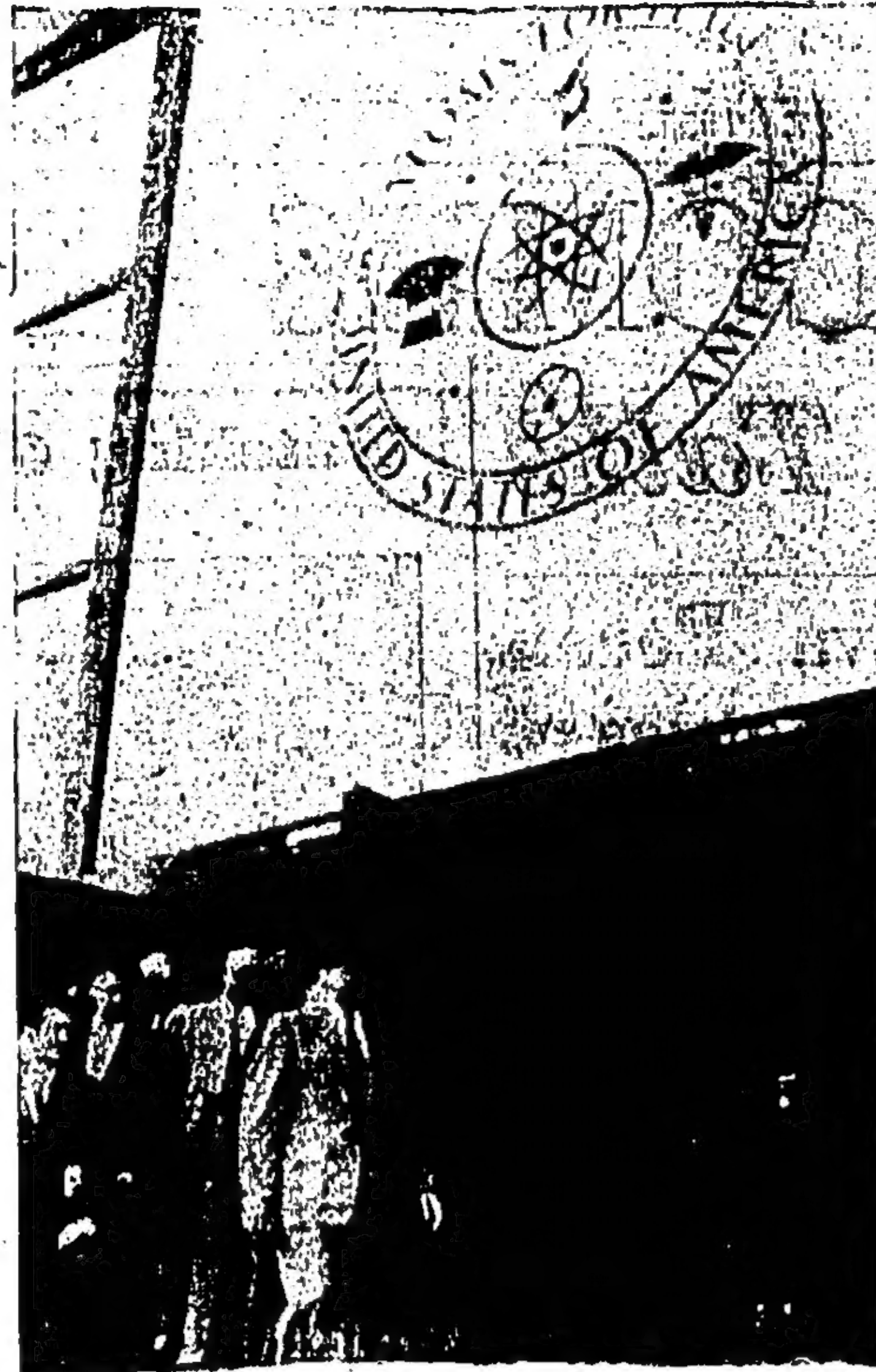
It decided that the basic salary for the highest ranking officer—four star general—would be reduced from a proposed 3,000 marks (\$230 sterling) a month to 2,800 marks (about £235 sterling).

It also reduced the number of officers to be employed in the new army to 21 brigadiers, 275 colonels, 680 lieutenant colonels, 980 majors, 970 captains and 400 lieutenants.

In addition to the top ranking officers the new army will include 21 brigadiers, 275 colonels, 680 lieutenant colonels, 980 majors, 970 captains and 400 lieutenants.

Tomorrow Speidel will accompany seven former Wehrmacht officers to Supreme Allied Headquarters where they will be attached. Five others are going to Headquarters, Allied Forces Central Europe.

Adolf Heusinger, expected to be the second lieutenant general, was present in Hitler's headquarters in 1944 when a bomb attempt was made on the latter's life. Both he and Speidel were arrested later as suspects. Heusinger subsequently was released while Speidel escaped.—Router.



In between the Big Four talks at Geneva President Eisenhower paid a visit to the "Atoms for Peace" Exhibition. He is pictured leaving the exhibition with members of his staff.—Express Photo.

Farouk Breaks
His Silence

ABDICATION ANNIVERSARY

Paris, July 26.

Ex-King Farouk of Egypt marked the third anniversary of his forced abdication today by protesting against what he called the current Egyptian dictatorship, and predicted that an end would soon come to this nightmare of terror and misery.

Now on a two-week visit to France from his present home in Italy, the ex-sovereign held a press conference and distributed a written statement here, ending a three-year silence during which he had made no public pronouncements on political matters.



KING FAROUK

Farouk spoke partly in French and partly in English, saying that a certain form of monarchy would allow Egypt to return to peace and order. But that, of course, was up to the Egyptian people to decide this question. He was expressing his indignation in the name of these people and of his well-loved country against the current regime of Premier Lieutenant-Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser, he said.

"Reign Of Terror"

What he termed the present reign of terror in Egypt has plunged a once-prosperous country into misery and almost inextricable economic difficulties, he went on.

He said that there was no more liberty, but only a parliament of ten people which proposed becoming in January a presidium of false Marxism.

Colonel Nasser was holding 60,000 Egyptians from the opposition in concentration camps, he alleged, and had made the country, once champion of Arab co-operation, a foment of troubles.

The present military chiefs, he asserted, were indulging in democratic blackmail, playing anti-Communist, pro-Communist and neutral—France—Press.

Sto Marie, Ontario, July 26. The worst bush fire situation in the province's history, was having a serious effect today on the Algoma district's million-dollar tourist industry and its multi-million-dollar mining industry.

Widespread publicity was said to be discouraging anglers and cutting down on mining activity.—United Press.

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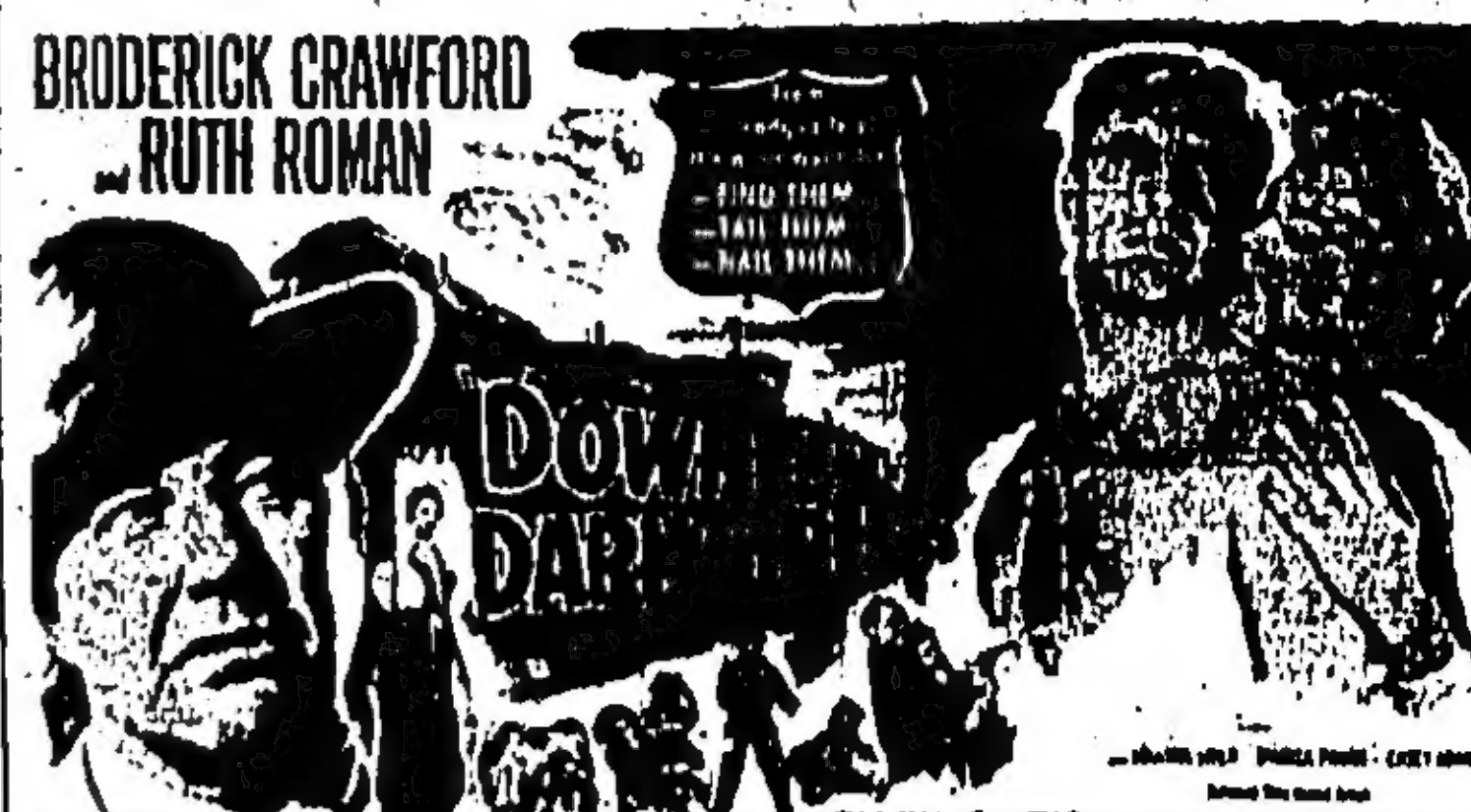
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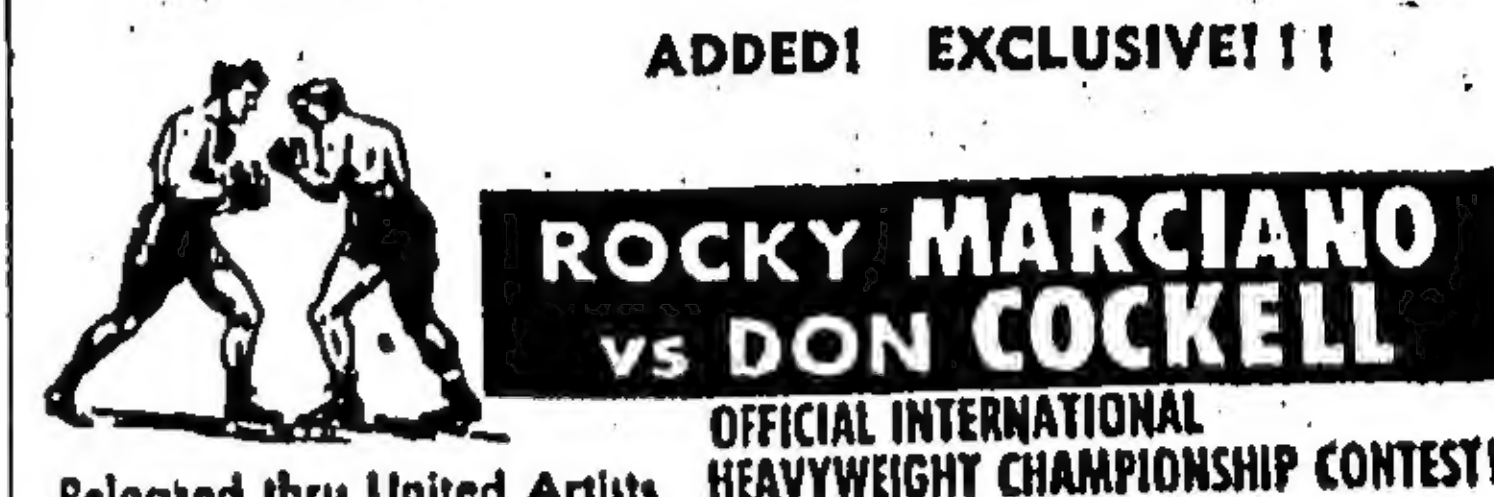
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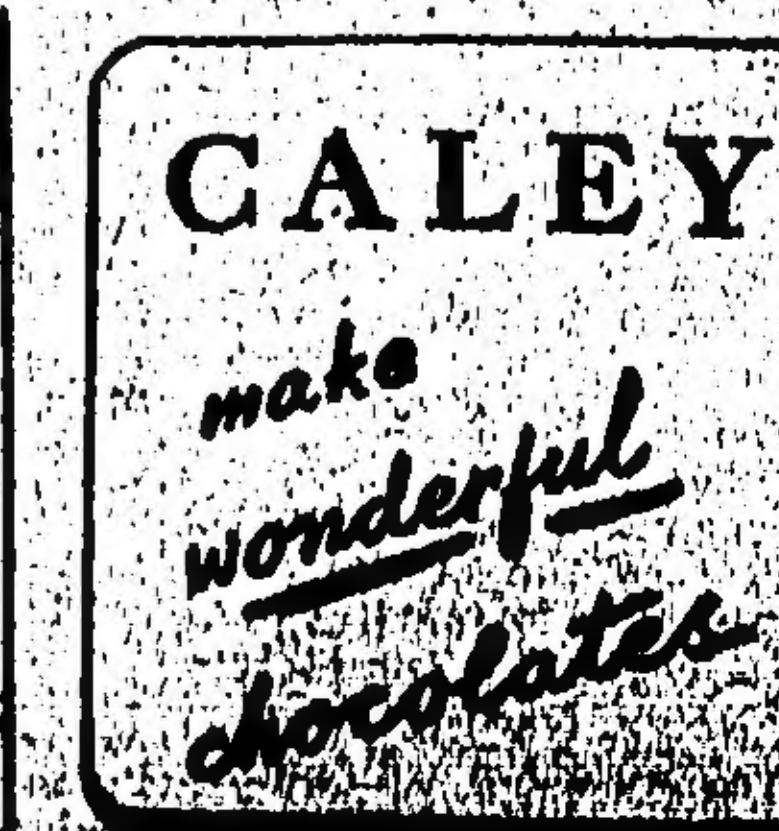
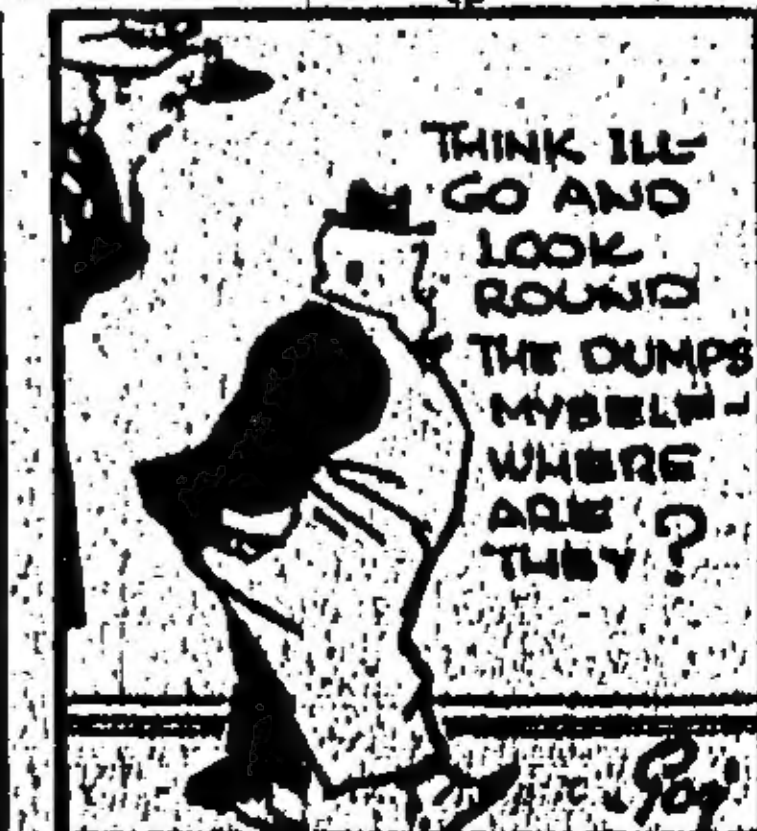
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TRUTH HURT?

Johannesburg, July 26.
A South African air hostess has been forbidden to land in Egypt because of her routine announcement, recently at Cairo airport, that passengers should "watch hand luggage" owing to the possibility of theft. It is reported here.—China Mail Special.

Britain's Economic Anxiety

London, July 26.
The widening gap between imports and exports is one of the main reasons behind Britain's anxiety over her economic situation expressed today in a House of Commons debate.

The gap stretched to £455,800,000 in the first half of this year compared with a trade deficit for the same period in 1954 of only £274,800,000.

The total British debt to the European trading organisation, the European Payments Union, now stands at £98,520,000.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. R. A. Butler, in trying to slow down the boom in spending and borrowing which is causing dangers of inflation, he has doubled the amount of deposit people must lay down before they can buy automobiles, refrigerators, television sets and other luxury goods on the hire-purchase system. He has also asked the banks to make borrowing more difficult.

Internal Buying

The reason for these measures is that too much internal buying means that raw materials have to be imported and too many goods are being made for the home market instead of for exports.

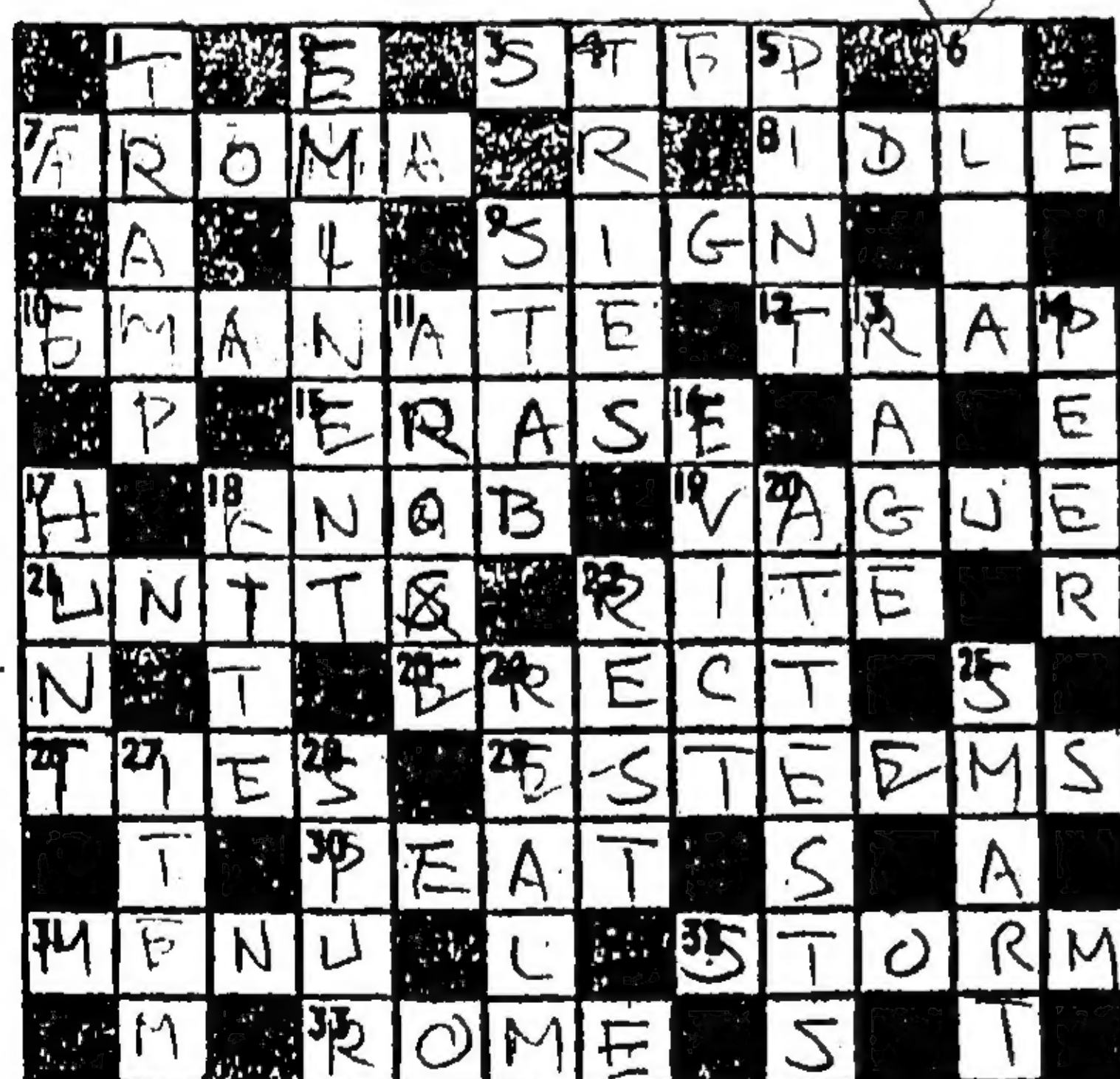
The extent of Britain's current wave of borrowing is shown by these figures:

Britain's 50 million people owe over £400 million for goods they have bought on hire-purchase.

Bank overdrafts outstanding (classified as "personal and professional loans") amount to £401 million. When loans to industry and commerce are added to this the total is £2,180 million.

A total of 1,800,000 people buying their houses on mortgage owe the building societies about £1,574 million.—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- 3 Pace (4).
 - 7 Scent (5).
 - 8 Lazy (4).
 - 9 Symbol (4).
 - 10 Flow from (7).
 - 12 Snare (4).
 - 15 Rub out (5).
 - 18 Protuberance (4).
 - 19 Indefinite (5).
 - 21 Individual things (5).
 - 22 Ceremony (4).
 - 23 Upright (5).
 - 24 Neckwear (4).
 - 25 Values highly (7).
 - 30 Fuel (4).
 - 31 Bill of fare (4).
 - 32 Tempest (5).
 - 33 Capital city (4).
- DOWN
- 1 Vagrant (5).
 - 2 Famous (7).
 - 4 Attempts (5).
 - 5 Liquid measure (4).
 - 6 Insect (4).
 - 11 Got up (5).
 - 13 Anger (4).
 - 14 Nobleman (4).
 - 16 Oust (5).
 - 17 Chase (4).
 - 18 Flying top (4).
 - 20 Bears witness (7).
 - 22 Repose (4).
 - 24 Territory (5).
 - 25 Spruce (5).
 - 26 Dolls (4).
 - 28 Good (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1, Candid, 7, Onal, 8, Agile, 10, Final, 11, Fill, 12, Disastrous, 15, Scap, 18, Onal, 19, Commander, 22, Port, 24, Mitre, 25, Issue, 26, Hide, 27, Speedy. Down: 2, Amias, 3, Dress, 4, Defers, 5, Confused, 6, Call, 9, Pulse, 12, Loper, 13, Droop, 14, Allotted, 17, Acrid, 18, Impels, 20, Nalve, 21, Eased, 23, Omit.

By Russians PAVES WAY TO SIGNING OF PEACE TREATY

London, July 27.

Russia's decision to release immediately 16 Japanese war criminals—disclosed here last night—will now pave the way for progress on a Russo-Japanese peace treaty, diplomatic sources here said today.

In two months of bargaining here on a treaty no real advance had previously been made in the talks between Mr. Shunichi Matsumoto, the chief Japanese negotiator, and Mr. Jacob Malik, Soviet Ambassador in London.

Japan had repeatedly pressed Russia for the release of her nationals held in the Soviet Union since the Second World War—a request Mr. Malik side-stepped until yesterday's session.

HANDLED LIST

Then he handed to Mr. Matsumoto a list of 16 war criminals saying that they had served their sentences and would be returned immediately.

The names are due to be published in Tokyo shortly and after they have been checked against Japanese lists.

Mr. Malik, who returned from the successful Geneva "summit" conference earlier this week, also said he would hand over "in the near future" the names of all the Japanese war criminals still in Russia.

At earlier sessions on a peace treaty the Soviet envoy had said these totalled 1,010 former members of the armed forces and 367 civilians.

When Japanese sources commented that the total of their nationals held by Russia is much higher than this, they said the latest Russian moves were a "major advance" in the talks.

Diplomatic sources saw the action as one possible result of the recently improved East-West atmosphere stemming from the Geneva meeting.

TOP ADVISER

Mr. Malik was one of the Soviet delegation's top advisers during those talks and had previously been called home to Moscow for special consultations.

Japanese diplomats here noted that Mr. Malik and his advisers straggled amicably from the nearby Soviet Embassy to the Japanese Ambassador's residence for yesterday's meeting.

One Japanese source saw this as a "parallel" with the easy going conduct of the Soviet leaders as they drove about Geneva last week in open cars.

While these sources were "elated" at the new Soviet attitude in the London meetings there were also expressions of caution that much hard bargaining lay ahead before a peace treaty could be hammered out.

But one said the latest developments showed "how worthwhile it is to persist in negotiations even when they appear to be futile."

Diplomatic sources were hopeful that the Russians might soon make a concession on another outstanding issue—the Japanese request that her fishermen be allowed to work up to three miles of the Soviet coast. At present Russia claims a 12-mile stretch of territorial waters.

SAME ISSUE

Talks between Britain and Russia on this same issue open in Moscow on Friday and Japanese diplomats here will be closely following their progress.

Russia agreed to these meetings after terminating the 1930 Anglo-Soviet fisheries agreement earlier this month. Under this treaty British trawlers were allowed to fish to within three miles of the Soviet coast.—China Mail Special.

CONDOLENCES FROM MOLOTOV

Paris, July 26.

Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov has sent a telegram of condolences to the family of the former United States Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, who died last week, Moscow radio said today.

The radio said Mr. Molotov sent the following message to the family: "Please accept my most sincere condolences on the occasion of the death of Mr. Cordell Hull, whose name is linked with the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and the Soviet Union, as well as with the fruitful collaboration of the two countries in the struggle against the common enemy."—France Press.



Lt. Col. Cartasagne of Italy, who won the King George V Gold Challenge Cup at the International Horse Show held at the White City in London on his horse Brando, is presented with the trophy by H.M. Queen Elizabeth.—Express Photo.

ALL QUIET IN MEKNES Sultan Appeals To Moroccans

Meknes, Morocco, July 26.

Sultan Moulay Ben Arafat today called on the people of Morocco to pay no heed to the "traitors and foreign propaganda" seeking to ruin the protectorate, after bloody rioting in this town yesterday killed and wounded some 60 persons.

In the old world language of the Arab Court, the Sultan's appeal was addressed to "Our loyal people and our devoted subjects" and called on them to "conserve calmness and tranquillity and do not allow yourselves to be misled by the criminals who deceive you and only seek suitable occasions to hasten the doom of Morocco and the Moroccans."

He also said that friendship between the French and Moroccan peoples should be the basis of any future action.

Meanwhile, throughout this North Moroccan town there was calm and silence.

Strong detachments of troops, Police and rugged Berber tribesmen patrolled the streets and guarded vulnerable points. But the curfew imposed by French Resident-General M. Gilbert Grandval from 3 a.m. last night ensured peace—at least until dawn today.

Previous Riots

As in the previous riots in Casablanca and Marrakesh crowds shouting in favour of the deposed Sultan Mohammed Ben Youssef got out of control and were fired on by the Police.

Officials said that 10,000 Moroccans at least took part in

More Glandular Fever Cases

London, July 26.

A big hospital in central London remained today for the second successive day completely shut off from outside contact because of an outbreak of glandular fever among the staff.

More cases were reported today at the Royal Free Hospital in Holborn bringing the total of inmates infected up to 70—48 nurses, 10 students and three patients.

Fit nurses were carrying on as best as they could with the help of volunteers. Medical students were attending the nurses themselves and doing the cleaning and washing up.

The main building of the hospital was closed for the first time in its 127 years history at the weekend and a nearby annexe was closed yesterday.

Glandular fever, though not serious, can last for five weeks and the wards may remain closed for at least another fortnight.—China Mail Special.

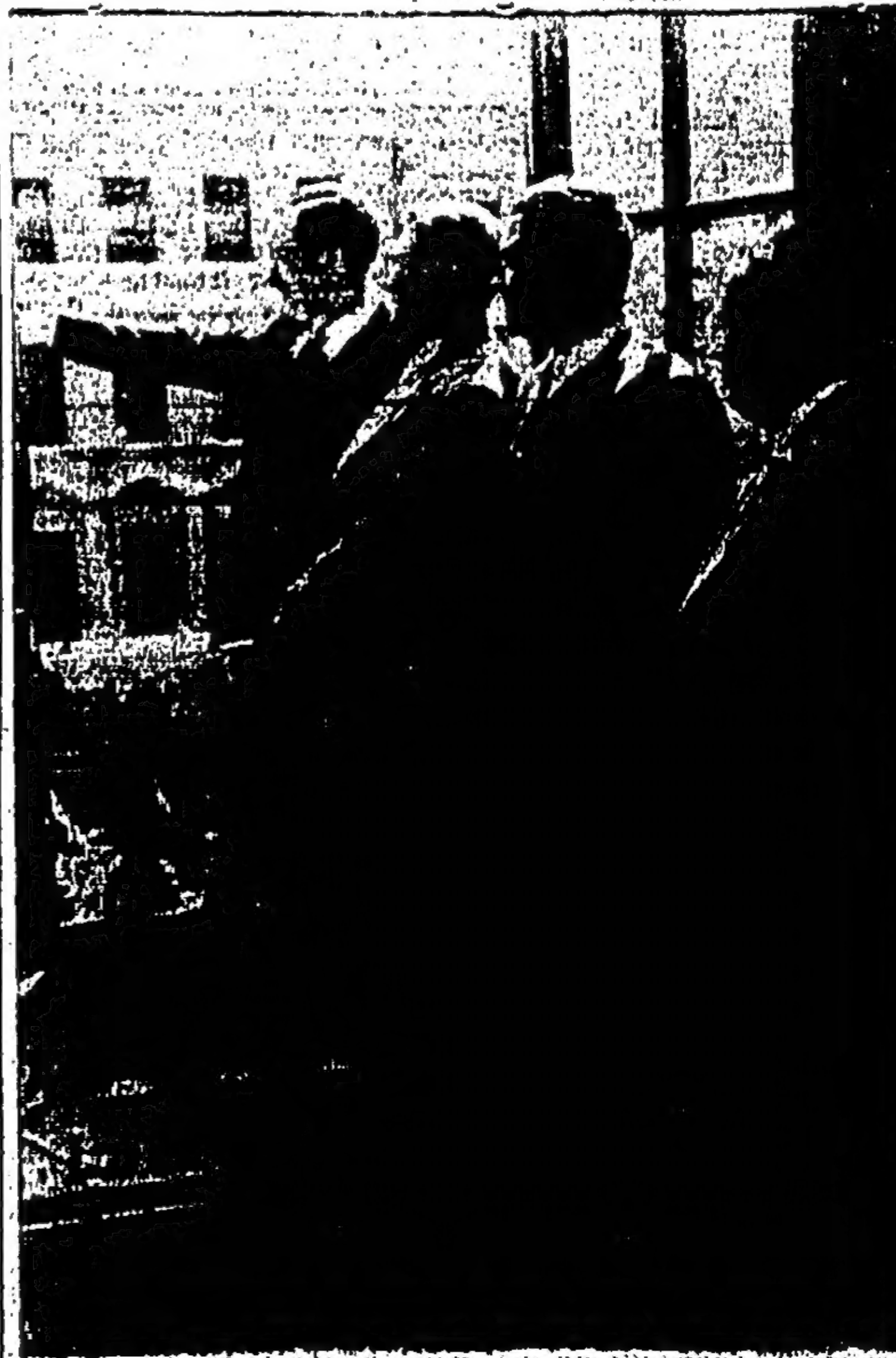
10,000th Refugee

New York, July 26.

The 10,000th refugee to reach the United States from countries in the Soviet bloc has arrived here by air—from Germany.

He was Georgi Vasileff, a 32-year-old motor mechanic from Bulgaria.—China Mail Special.

RUSSIAN EXPERTS IN BRITAIN



A party of Russian housing experts are at present on a ten-day visit to study British housing and building developments. They are pictured visiting the headquarters of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government at Whitehall in London. (Left to right) Mr. Danam Samaya, Russian Minister of Housing points out some of the features of Whitehall to Mr. N. N. Samoylov, Mr. P. P. Novosilov and Mr. V. P. Frolov.—Express Photo.

Khrushchev Pleased With Results Of Geneva Talks

Berlin, July 26.

Soviet Communist Party chief, Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, who is on a visit here said today the Big Four talks held in Geneva last week paved the way for peaceful co-existence between countries with differing regimes.

Mr. Khrushchev was speaking at a mammoth rally held in an East Berlin square to honour the Soviet delegation headed by Premier Nikolai Bulganin which attended the Big Four talks.

Khrushchev greeted the inhabitants of Berlin and East Germany in the name of the Central Committee of the Supreme Soviet and the Soviet people.

Mr. Khrushchev said: "The Geneva conference did not thwart people's hopes. The Big Four established contacts. They showed their good intentions. The conference made history."

POSITIVE RESULTS

Mr. Khrushchev said the conference achieved positive results and added "we firmly hope these results will be developed further."

He hoped the conference of Big Four foreign ministers scheduled for next October in Geneva would score another success.

Mr. Khrushchev said: "We are counting on the interests of all sides, a necessary condition to advance along the road toward peace."

Mr. Khrushchev said the Soviet Union rejected the rearming of Germany "which would lead to another war" and approved democratic and peaceful reunification of Germany, "which would contribute to general security."

He said he believed it was now clear that "certain statesmen miscalculated when they hastened the ratification of the Paris agreements to negotiate with the Soviet Union from a position of force."

"The best method of German reunification would be for the Germans themselves to reunify their country and decide on their own regime," said Mr. Khrushchev.

The workers of East Germany would refuse to "join the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, pay the costs of rearmament and give up the social advances they have made," according to the Russian chief.

Mr. Khrushchev said, "the German question cannot be settled by sacrificing the German Democratic Republic." He said it was necessary the people of West Germany did not approve the policy of rearmament.

"The Soviet Union wants normal diplomatic relations with the Federal Republic. That would make easier the reunification of Germany," he concluded.

In an earlier speech, East Germany's Premier Otto Grotewohl said the Big Four conference marked a turning point in history and thanked the Soviet delegation for the job it did at the talks.

The conference paved the way for peaceful settlement of international problems, Herr Grotewohl said. "That which is possible on the international level should be possible in Germany. Let us wipe out the barriers between the two Germans."

Herr Grotewohl said he approved Bulganin's two phase European security plan, submitted at Geneva and added: "A system of European security gives the German people hope for the reunification of Germany."

NOT ACCEPTABLE

"Attempts by the Western powers to include West Germany in the NATO are not acceptable to us and will never be acceptable," said Herr Grotewohl.

In an appeal to the "workers of West Germany," Herr Grotewohl said: "Let us unite for the good of the country against war profits and rearmament. If we unite we are invincible and our country will be reunified."

The rally was held before thousands of East Germans and small groups of West Berlin sympathisers in Marx-Engels Square, situated in the heart of East Berlin.—France-Press.

Red Delegation In Nepal

Katmandu, July 26.

A six-man Chinese Communist delegation, led by the Chinese Ambassador in New Delhi, General Yuan Chung Hsien, arrived here today to begin talks with officials of the Nepalese Government for the opening of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

It was when the talks reach a successful conclusion, the Chinese Ambassador to India will also be accredited to Nepal, as is the case now for the American, French and British ambassadors.

Congress Refuses Shipping Grant

Washington, July 26.

PLANS to construct 17 cargo vessels worth \$152 million will have to be dropped following Congress refusal to grant \$60 million towards the cost of their construction, a spokesman for the Government's Maritime Administration said today.

Other officials said the refusal to grant the money would set back the whole \$3,000 million shipbuilding programme which had been drawn up by steamship lines to meet foreign competition.

An official of the committee of American steamship lines representing 15 companies receiving building subsidies from the Government estimated that of the proposed \$3,000 million programme, about 40 per cent of the money would be provided by the Government and the remainder by the shipping companies.

Over Ten Years

This programme had in view the construction of about 200 ships of which about a dozen would be passenger ships over the next ten years. It was agreed that by then three-quarters of the existing fleet would have reached the end of economic usefulness and be unfit to meet foreign competition or national defence requirements.

The Maritime Administration had already been granted \$80,500,000 in an appropriations bill for shipbuilding and repair work for the coming year, which would finance the building or conversion of eight ships as well as some prototypes to be paid for in full by the Government along with repair and maintenance of the "moth-ball fleet."

Unused Funds

The request for another \$60 million was turned down by the Senate Appropriations Committee last weekend on the ground that most of the previous appropriation had not been used up.

Shipping company and Maritime Administration officials said the request for a supplementary appropriation would be renewed when Congress re-assembled next year.

But congressional sources said it was highly unlikely that the money once refused would be approved in a reversal particularly as Congress would adjourn within the next two weeks.—Reuter.

Globe Girdler On Second Leg

New York, July 26.

Susan Bryan, 31, left New York on Tuesday for Paris in a Pan American airliner on the second leg of her try for a new round-the-world record by commercial air travel.

Miss Bryan, who stopped over here 3½ hours after the first jump from San Francisco, left at 5:20 p.m. (EST time). She has set her sights on a world girdling trip of 100 hours and 55 minutes. She is trying to better the present 115-hour record for non-jet airliners.

Her schedule will be so close, she said, that she expects to see little more of the cities on her route than their airports. The cities include Bern, Rome, Beirut, Baghdad, Karachi, Calcutta, Bangkok, Saigon, Manila, Wake Island and Honolulu.

SAND AND BLOOD....

★ The message in the leaves was quite clear. A matador would be injured... did this story really happen? Tomorrow the answer will be published.

I HAD flown out to Gibraltar to lecture to units of the garrison. On arrival I arranged details with the Education Officer, Captain Sullivan, an Irishman.

"And for relaxation, there's a bullfight at La Linea on Sunday," he said. "That is, if you like bullfights."

"I do not like bullfights, even in their modernised and restricted form. But I do enjoy the study of crowds in any country. Hence I always go to the arena when in Spain."

The corrida advertised at La Linea promised interest for they included a "local boy makes good" element. A man from La Linea had achieved national fame as a matador, and was now returning to his home town. The crowd reactions should be worthy of study.

A reputation

I had assumed that Mrs Sullivan was coming with us to La Linea, since such a devoted baby sitter was available.

"No," she said, as we prepared for the journey. "I was coming—I don't like the bulls, but the pageantry and grace of the foredoers thrill me. But something happened."

"What?"

"Well—I don't know if you believe in this kind of thing, but in our valley in Wales mother used to have a reputation as a wise woman. Among other things, she used to tell fortunes, using tea leaves. But some years ago there was a disturbing incident—she foretold a death, and it happened. She was so upset that she refused ever to read the tea leaves again. You probably think that the whole idea is rubbish."

I have the traditional English distrust of anything I cannot explain. But the case Mrs Sullivan mentioned could have been sheer coincidence.

'My fortune'

"Oh, I don't think that's the explanation," she said. "Mother was right far too often to dismiss the results as coincidences. Anyway, one evening last week two Indian friends called in. The conversation got round to magic, the psychic, prophecy, fortune-

telling, and so on. When I told them about my mother they were very interested, and at last I persuaded her to show them how to tell fortunes by tea leaves. So that there could be no danger of upset, she told mine."

"And she told me that I would see a matador gored by a bull I couldn't stand that, so I'm not going."

Intrigued, I beguiled Mrs Sullivan away from her grandchildren for a few minutes. I wanted to get one point clear.

"It is a matador who is to be gored by the bull?" I asked.

"Yes."

"You know what a matador is?"

"Yes. A bullfighter."

"But what particular kind of bullfighter?"

But the old lady did not know. Matadores, picadors, banderilleros—to her they were all just bullfighters—she had no idea of their respective functions. As she said, they weren't very interested in such things in her Welsh valley.

by
Bernard Newman



BERNARD NEWMAN talks and writes with equal agility. As a lecturer he has toured Europe, Asia and North America. As an author he has written about places as far apart as Moscow and Morocco, with espionage his favourite subject.

Newman is married, has three daughters, and lives at Harrow-on-the-Hill. At 58 he works off surplus energy by walking and cycling.



Again, courage was the key to the moment. Men almost flung themselves on the bull as the growling matador was carried off.

"I gather that the matador is to be wounded, not killed?" I suggested.

Oh, no. The leaves were quite clear—he won't die."

At the last moment Mrs Sullivan grabbed her hat. "I'm coming," she announced. "You're right—this tea leaves business is coincidence, or something like that. It can't mean anything. How could it? I'm coming."

A thrill

We got seats on the shady side of the arena, and the series of six bullfights began. The first started with a thrill. Two picadors entered on their heavily-padded horses, and the black bull charged one of them furiously. He got his great horns under the horse's belly—the padding prevented injury, but the bull lifted the horse off its feet, and unseated the picador.

Mrs Sullivan turned to me anxiously.

"It's all right," I said. "It's the matador we have to watch." Attendants picked up the heavily-armoured picador and planted him on his horse, apparently unharmed. The fight went on to its inevitable conclusion. That is an English objection to bullfighting. A fox does stand a chance of escape, but the bull always dies. True, if he fights bravely he gets a big round of applause as he is dragged out of the sandring—but he can't hear it!

The third fight featured the local man. He got a tremendous reception, but I know the Spanish crowd. The most popular matador can be booed if he fails to produce his best. This was the unhappy fate of the gaily-apparelled man. He could do nothing right. Once he slipped as the bull was passing his waving cloak, and I heard Mrs Sullivan catch her breath. Then he hopelessly bungled his kill. He made several thrusts with swords, but the bull stood panting after its vain charges. Eventually it had to be despatched by the dagger of the veterinary attendant.

Unlucky

This is almost the dearest disgrace a matador can suffer. The local man retired, visibly disconsolate. However, later he would have a second fight in which he might retrieve his reputation. Now came a diversion of a different kind. As the fourth bull stamped into the arena a youth jumped over the surrounding barricade. He carried a crude red cloak, and waved it vigorously.



There was a ripple of excitement through the crowd. Such intrusions are not unknown. A youth with bullfighting ambitions will take such a risk—will play the bull with his cloak until attendants take him away. "I have shown skill and courage," a matador may offer his post as a sort of apprentice in his entourage.

But this young man was unlucky—and clumsy. He turned away from the bull's onrush too late, and was knocked sprawling into the sand. The bear turned to maul him, its great horns lowered.

"Oh!" cried Mrs Sullivan. "But he's the matador—in a way!"

"No. He's only an aspirant. And he's only got to lie close to the ground—he won't be hurt."

Now banderilleros were waving their cloaks to entice the bull away. The youth, unhurt, scrambled to his feet and returned to the barricade.

Thrown down

This bull was agile indeed. He galloped from side to side of the arena in the preliminary bating, not realising that its intention was to tire him. Then the picadors entered, close to the barricade. One look up his position just beneath us. The bull saw him, snorted, and charged.

It was an unlucky day for picadors. Long before the man could use his stout pike the bull's horns had toppled his moun over and thrown him headlong to the ground. I think he must have sustained some concussion, for he failed to move—and the bull was in fighting mood.

Now bullfighting arouses fierce argument about cruelty; nor is this countered by the grace and agility of the foredoers. But no one could ever doubt the courage of the men who adopt this dangerous profession, or their devotion to their friends. Our corner of the arena was suddenly a blaze of colour, as all the principals waiting for the

next fight rushed in to the fallen picador's aid. The furious bull was flashing his horns in savage sweeps, but men literally pushed him away from the helpless man. The beast twisted and turned with amazing agility, intent on dealing out death, but the volunteers never faltered. Cleverly they enticed the maddened bull away.

Then, above the excited shouts of the crowd, I heard a sharp cry. A man fell—and a rivulet of blood appeared in the sand.

Must go on

Mrs Sullivan turned to me, white-faced. "It's a matador!" She was right. The injured man was the local matador, who had rushed into the arena to help. The bull's horns had ripped open his groin—an ugly wound.

Again courage was the key to the moment. Men almost flung themselves on the bull as attendants carried off the growling matador. The attention of the crowd soon diverted—there must go on. But we were deep in uneasy thought. "But how do you explain it?" Mrs Sullivan demanded.

I could not. Coincidence could not explain the old lady's insistence that only a matador would be injured—though she did not know what a matador was!

On the sand

Two days later I went with a local newspaper man to see the injured matador in hospital. His wound must have been painful, but he began to talk about his disappointing display in his own fight.

"Why were I ever fought?" he said bitterly. "And in my home town."

"Maybe that was the explanation," I suggested. "It is easy to get nervous before your own people."

"Yes. But there was something wrong with me. Usually I am absolutely confident. But my concentration went wrong—and in my profession concentration is first and last. I allowed a little thing to distract my attention."

"What was it?"

"Well, as I eyed the bull for his first charge, I saw a few leaves on the sand."

Quite clear!

"Leaves!" I cried. "What kind of leaves?"

"Olives, I think. I suppose they'd blown in. But it was my own fault—I shouldn't have noticed them. But I did. And that gave me a bad start."

We asked about his wound. "The doctor won't tell me much," he complained; then, suddenly and impudently, "I'm not going to die, am I?"

"Oh no!" I assured him confidently. "You're not going to die—I have that on the best authority. The leaves were quite clear!"

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DID IT REALLY HAPPEN?

YES NO

Put your tick in the space above and keep this point by you until tomorrow when the answer will be given—with another story in this series by...

Stevie Smith

Did yesterday's story—I'm Sure it was No. 51, by A. M. Burgess—actually happen? The answer is: YES. WORLD COPYRIGHT RESERVED

On Target for Direct Hits

By Chapman Pincher

BRITAIN'S guided rockets for anti-aircraft defence are now so far advanced that they have made several direct hits on target aircraft flying off the British coast.

In at least one case the target—a pilotless robot plane called a "Drone"—was completely holed by the missile which went right through it.

The 'missile' has repeatedly reached their targets in spite of attempts by scientists to jam them with false radio signals.

THE 'BRAIN'

These successes mean that the Supply Ministry rocket men are now well on the way to solving the main problems of intercepting high-speed bombers flying at great heights.

Two kinds of guided weapons have been tested—missiles fired from jet fighters, and bigger ground-launched rockets which are to replace anti-aircraft guns. The warheads contained only a small amount of explosive which scattered the sparking

powder as soon as the rocket, set within killing range of their targets.

Two Drones have been used at once in some tests to see how well a missile's built-in "brain" can concentrate on one target and ignore others.

This ability is essential for any missile designed to counter massed bomber attacks. Without it a missile's "brain" becomes confused if it encounters several targets at once and it may fail to attack any.

Each cat was put in a box which had a movable metal bar running along the right and left sides. If the cat pressed the right-hand bar food appeared out of a hole. If it pressed the left one a bowl of water appeared. When the cats had learned to distinguish between the two bars the scientists made them thirsty by giving them salty fish and then put them back in the box.

MORE SENSE

They went straight to the left-hand bar, pressed it and slaked their thirst almost every time.

Whenever they were put in the box after being given a good drink, they almost always pressed down the food bar.

The scientists—Dr Clark Bailey and Dr Lyman Porter, of Yale University—are now convinced that cats have more sense than they thought.

EATING OR DRINKING?

WHEN a cat greedily laps up a saucer of milk, is it hungry or thirsty? Scientists were in doubt as to whether a cat can distinguish between the sensations of hunger and thirst. So they put nine to the test.



"MM—I WONDER WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WATER JUGS?" London Express Service

Nathaniel Gubbins

AS this is the only column in the world read by animals I hope my dog readers will pay special attention today.

Up till now the reign of the doggie has been unchallenged. Gradually they have usurped human rights and taken over human activities.

They have booked the best seats in crowded trains. They have learned how to tell the time. One dog has used a telephone. Another has laughed at jokes. There was also a speaking dog who was supposed to have said "I want more," when his dinner plate was empty.

Dogs are taking over police duties to such an extent that a super-intelligent Alsatian will soon be an inspector and probably head of the C.I.D.

One of my nightmares is that dogs will one day represent us in Parliament. The first dog to do this has already been taken. A dog opened a fete, shook paws all round and barked a welcome to local dignitaries.

It was obviously intended as a speech and might have been quite as intelligible as those made by lesser M.P.s when they open fates.

But at last, doggies, human beings are hitting back. After competing in an audition against an Alfrede, a cocker spaniel, a sheep dog and a collie, a Miss Sally German has got the job of Rip Van Winkle's hound in a performance of the National Symphony Orchestra in Washington.

SHE GOT THE JOB BECAUSE SHE COULD BARK BETTER THAN ANY OF THEM.

Take a warning from this, dogs. In a world of fierce competition any girl who can bark and beg prettily at table may get you out of that comfort home with the rich old squire.

She won't mind eating biscuits and gravy on the floor for a while, if it leads to wedding bells.

Even I might get the job of the St. Bernard with a barrel of brandy round its neck. I would also do it for nothing, the price of brandy being what it is.

Do You Exist?

AS I have been one of those saying over and over again that English summers were longer and hotter when I was young it has come as a shock to read that official figures have proved that they were nothing of the kind.

weather. The girls I took on the river, for instance.

Possibly they were not reclining on the cushions in the punt under big sun hats. Why should they want sun hats if there was no sunshine?

Possibly they never trailed their small pale hands in the water.

Possibly their tiny hands would have been frozen in the cold river, if there had been any river, or if there had been any girls. Yes, or any men.

When once your memory has been proved wrong you begin to doubt everything.

During the last war there was a hermit in America—unless my memory has gone haywire again—who refused to believe in the existence of anybody, including Hitler, though he might have found it easier if he had been in England during an air raid.

He told reporters that everybody and everything existed only in our imagination. He had long ago given up believing in his own existence and, after a few shots of rye whisky, informed the delighted reporters that they were nothing but a lot of bad dreams.

That is what I have always hoped many people, I think I have met. But I'm afraid it's too good to be true.

Moment Of Truth

THOSE who enjoy bullfighting make excuses for their bloodlust by comparing the hideous scene to a ballet. They babble of the poetry of movement and describe the bull's death as "the moment of truth."

I wonder how they would have enjoyed the moment of truth when I killed my first bluebottle this summer.

The bull-ring was the dining-room one hot afternoon last week. The only spectator was Lottie the Devil Cat, who also wanted to be picador and banderillo.

The matador (me) was armed with a rolled-up magazine. The bull, or bluebottle, seemed young and fit and certainly had traps, a Spanish word meaning liveliness.

expected. Instead of crawling on the ceiling, where it would have been safe, it settled on the window-pane above the sideboard, and made its doom certain.

Lottie (the banderillo) Devil Cat wanted to use her claws as darts to weaken the victim, but matador Gubbins would have none of that unsporting stuff.

He approached the bluebottle, cloak in left hand, paper sword in right hand. The idea was to trap it against the glass with the cloak and give it a quick, clean death stroke as it struggled underneath. But the bluebottle buzzed away from the first flourish of the cloak and dodged a clumsy thrust from the sword.

It was then that Lottie the Devil Cat became Lottie Fonteyn the ballet dancer. Using the sideboard as a stage for her hind legs, she danced backwards, forwards and sideways as her front paws flashed at the elusive bluebottle on the window-pane. It was certainly poetry of movement and, with her tail fluffed out in a graceful curve behind, a pretty sight to watch.

But, after all, it is the matador's job to make the kill. So Lottie was brushed aside before she was injured by the whirling paper sword, and the bluebottle was struck a mortal blow. This was the moment of truth.

This was death in the afternoon as it is in Spain. But it must be the first time the audience took part in the fight and ate the victim whole in front of the matador.

Three Times Lucky

AN enthusiast for the Mohammedan faith has pointed out in a magazine that for sheer simplicity it is impossible to improve on the divorce laws.

A Mohammedan husband has only to say "Talak" (meaning "Get out") three times to his wife and a romance, which started so bravely and so hopefully is over.

Of course, it is difficult to see why he has to say it three times unless it's on the principle of third time lucky. Once should be enough for a sensitive woman, though it may be a precaution against a word spoken in the heat of the moment. Or it may be intended to give a third chance to wives who are either deaf or not very quick on the uptake.

All the same, it is an improvement on some of the Western divorce laws. It dispenses with arguments and lawyers' fees. Incompatibility of temperament does not have to be proved. Any man who shouts "Get out!" to his wife three times has obviously reached a state when things simply can't go on.

It also keeps girls up to the mark. One morning at breakfast with her hair in curlers and a face gleaming with night cream and it's "Talak" and back to mother for her.

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"It's your turn. I helped you up last time."

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

BORN today, you have a powerful, tenacious nature which, by its self-control, you manage to keep well in check so that very few realise that you have such a combustible nature beneath your calm and placid exterior. Very few except those closest to you, realise the inner struggle which goes on between these two halves of your own self. The stars have been generous in bequeathing you talents and although there are apt to be alternating cycles of good and ill fortune, it is likely that the good will eventually conquer the bad.

You have a high sense of justice and honour, willing to go more than half way when it comes to making a decision. You are by nature, kindly and understanding of others and often strike a true balance when others fail to interpret all elements of an argument properly. You have a talent for precise mathematical procedures and probably use this method in your everyday life, as well as

professionally. You would do well in any career which calls for initiative as well as business judgment in dealing with people.

Yours is a magnetic personality and you have a talent for witty conversation which makes you much sought after as a guest at any social function. You can be very definitely, "the life of the party" when you choose to be. At other times you are quite withdrawn and seem to sit around as a passive observer to everything that goes on. Your romantic life can be spectacularly successful and your marriage a happy one, provided you find that one person who understands your dual personality.

Among those born on this date are: Archimedes, mathematician; Harison Fisher, artist; Vladimir de Pachman, pianist; and Hilare Belloc, author.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, JULY 29

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—This is a day on which one of your fondest dreams might come true—an ambition achieved.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—This is the time for love and romance and you should be prepared to give the right answer or make a proposal.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—The majority of affairs are balanced in your favour now. This is especially true of romantic matters.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—You should have an adventurous day, no matter what your specific interests may be. Mix business and pleasure, if you wish to, now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—If you are modest even though your great achievements, the honours will be all the more satisfying.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—There are plenty of oppor-

tunities. The important thing is to select the right one among so many.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—This is not a day in which to dissipate your energy. Save all there is for the most important things.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—If someone is getting on faster than you are, don't waste time by being jealous. Just work harder to catch up.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Not your day to win. If there is a debate which could turn into an argument, just stay clear of it.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—You may have an inspiration which might prove to be highly practical. Develop it.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—There are two aspects today, good and bad. Concentrate on a positive attitude and attract only the good.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Romance is well favoured today. You may find the answer to all your dreams of happiness at this time.

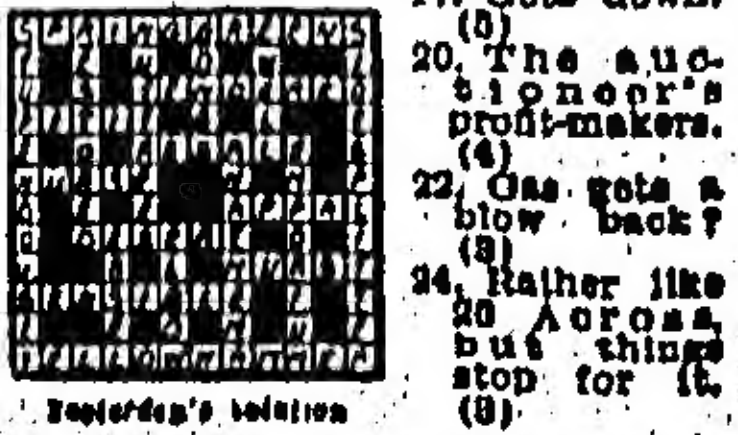
CROSSWORD



1. This might fall (9)
2. This kind of expedition may take you to the ends of the earth. (5)
3. Ridding expedition may take you here (3)
4. In this a bare cartoon? (5)
5. Linked with time in a "No waiting" usage. (4)
6. Antiquity was paid by Caesar. (4)
7. I've sly Eva, somewhat changed. (4)
8. River that wets Peterborough's shores (4)
9. It contributes to the sheer beauty (5)
10. Big ones help in the feast (4)
11. Haunting presence. (5)
12. Ancient Romans had these pointed. (4)
13. Drive from here. (3)
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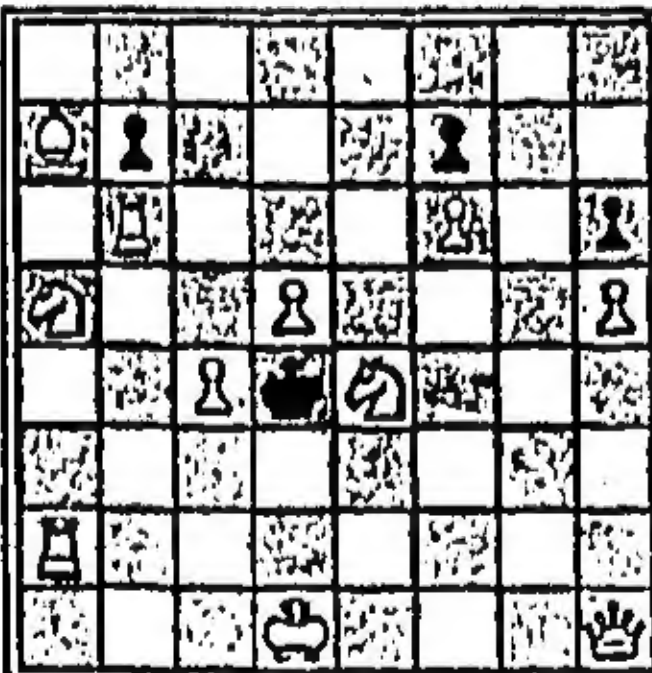
1. They never hear a good account of themselves. It is said. (9)
2. But they might hear this kind of one (3)
3. Killingly witty, maybe. (9)
4. Splices without little science. (5)
5. Yours disappears when you get up. (3)
6. Could the bird's name be Reg? (4)
7. This tip. (4)
8. Not one may get rid of a chill. (4)
9. A few beauties may make one. (4)
10. This kind of place could do with a bit of sprucing up. (5)
11. Product of the Nile. (4)
12. Come down. (4)
13. The auctioneer's proud-makers. (4)
14. One gets a blow back? (4)
15. Rather like a dog's, but a little stop for it. (5)



Today's solution

CHESS PROBLEM

By F. SALAZAR
Black, 4 pieces



White, 11 pieces.
White to play: mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. R-R2. 1. Q-QB2; 2. R-B6; 1... Q-Kt1, B-K4; 2. R-Kt5; 1... R-K4; 2. R-Kt4.

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Proper Finesse Pays Dividends

By OSWALD JACOBY

IS it ever correct to finesse against a queen in one direction and then to take another finesse in the other direction against the same queen? This is such an obvious howler that one of the oldest jokes in bridge is the anecdote about the player who took a two-way finesse for a queen. It worked one way, so he took it the other way. Bridge players are easy to amuse (thank goodness!) so this joke always brings down the house.

After all these years of amusement, we now have a hand in which this ridiculous two-way finesse is the correct play.

West opens the king of spades against the very formal contract of four hearts. Dummy wins with the ace of spades, and declarer immediately leads a low heart from the dummy and finesse the jack.

If West takes the queen of hearts, South has no further problem. He can ruff a spade return in dummy, draw trumps, and run the clubs.

If West is a fine player, he will perceive all of this as soon as the dummy comes down. Hence West will play a low

heart very casually at the second trick, giving South the impression that the finesse has succeeded.

If South relies on this impression and leads a heart to the king, the hand will collapse. He cannot force out the queen of hearts without losing three spades and a diamond. His best try is to take the ten of clubs, ruff a spade in dummy, and play high clubs. West ruffs early, however, and defeats the contract by taking two spades and a diamond.

South cannot tell that West is adopting this brilliant defence when his jack of hearts wins the second trick. To guard against it, however, South returns the ten of hearts and finesse in the opposite direction. This assures the contract.

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WOMANSENSE

Fashioned For Autumn



Madeleine de Rauch presents this two-piece ensemble in the new Autumn Collection. Named "Pigalle", it consists of a black jersey and a buttoned-through skirt of lame with patch pockets.—Agence France-Presse.

Paris Speculates On Winter Fashions

Another Alphabetical Symbol, M. Dior?

Paris. Ready-to-wear collections, destined for wholesale distribution, were shown in Paris in May and June, and certain silhouette indications are evident from these collections.

Several leading couturiers have followed the growing trend in France towards ready-to-wear clothes. Leaders in this comparatively new field are Jacques Fath, selling under the trademark of "Universal"; Jean Dessès, "Dissusion"; and Jacques Griffe's "Evolution".

Generalising on overall trends, both waist and hemlines seem unstable. The long torso look, which has gained universal acclaim, may well carry through another season in mass-produced clothes. Day hemlines have settled about 13 inches from the floor, but fluctuate in graded lengths after dark. Short and ankle-length hemlines are strong for formal evening wear.

The two-piece and over-blouse theme seems assured of repetition, besides the chic, but often difficult to wear, tunic and suit ensembles.

Running through the alphabet, one possibility would seem to be the letter "X". A return to the normal and natural waistline does not seem unlikely in the theoretical evolution of style. Wider shoulders also seem indicated, combined with moderate skirt fullness after so many tight sheaths.

It is a well-known fact that designers are influenced by current events. If that is so, this year, romanticism and the 18th century may affect the evening picture. The current exhibition at Versailles of Marie Antoinette's costumes, court paintings and personal belongings, has been extensively visited and discussed, and may well establish a modified formal trend.

Surprise treatments have been evident in every phase of fashion recently. Such unlikely effects have appeared as formal clothes in tweed or other sport fabrics, high Puritanical necklines revealing plunging décolletés at the back and sleeveless or bare armholes for morning wear compared with long sleeves for cocktail and formal fashions.

Fabrics and colours, appreciated in the recent showing of French textile manufacturers, suggest certain trends for the haute couture collections.

The choice of colours in the fabric collections is unlimited. Meyer states there is now a return to scales which existed in France before the war when

popular individual classics were available in a range of up to 300 different shades. Each season, however, there is a swing directly towards one single colour range. As yellow carried off top honours this summer, there is a feeling for the entire cast of browns for autumn and winter 1955.

Warm and tawny browns are shown in every hue and tone from rusts and reddy browns, the fur and nut shades, into lighter, mink, champagne and beige tones. Other colours in the limelight are greens, clear marine and wood shades, and lighter-than-navy blues.

NEW FABRICS

New fabrics indicate a return to many patterned and varied designs. There are plaids, jacquards, satenes and other woven motifs. Trends are away from the large upholstery designs, towards closer, smaller and more concentrated effects.

Synthetic fabrics are gaining importance for their wonderful crease-resistant and practical qualities. In the luxury field, a new American fleece and fur fabric will be launched for the first time in the Paris collections. Dynel's beaver fabric is almost impossible to distinguish from actual fur, is equally as warm, comes in an entire range of fur and palette shades, and can be washed like nylon stockings.

Pure fibre fabrics are also greatly in demand, though the excellent synthetics can be produced at far lower cost. It takes someone like the Duchess of Windsor to order 17 metres (18½ yards) of Lescage's pure cashmere material for a dressing gown, which costs 29 dollars (over £10) per metre.

Formal fabrics, again tying in with the Marie Antoinette and retrospective influence, are silver and gold brocades, elaborate metallic damasks, and floral patterned warp weaves laced with gold thread.

Ducharme's rich reversible satin, named Louis XV, has been widely chosen by top couturiers in the light pearly and opalescent shades. — China Mail Special.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

When you iron skirt hems, and narrower shoulders often help to improve the appearance.

To avoid any shine, iron dark cottons on the wrong side. If touching up needs to be done on the right side, be certain to use a press cloth.

The home dressmaker can often make a jumper dress out of a discarded frock of good material. Remove sleeves, collar, facings, neck finish and the trimmings. A deeper neckline

Requests And Commands

By GARRY C. MYERS, Ph.D.

MANY mothers and fathers seem to be all doing something. He shouldn't do. If he doesn't yield to this request, they repeat it with a bit of anger in the voice. They add more anger with successive repetitions. Getting angry enough, they shout "You must." And finally intercept him or even punish him to make him stop.

THE HARSH WAY

Psychologically the request became in fact a command the moment there was anger in the voice. It was Esau's hands, but Jacob's voice. Always the child knows the difference. In some situations the parent has shifted from a request to a command. Some parents utter the request in the first place, as a command hypocritically couched in the language of a request.

One mother writes of her daughter, six: "Whenever I ask her, not to do something she makes a point of doing it. If, for example, I ask her not to run in the house she just keeps on and doesn't stop until I punish her."

As I wrote this mother, "If you are sure your daughter should quit running in the house and know she will not stop if you request her to stop, why ask her in the first place? Why not tell her just once, clearly, to stop? Then if she doesn't stop promptly, punish her effectively, such as by assigning her to sit on a chair unamused for 25 minutes."

But if you punish her to make her stop after you have merely asked her to stop, she would interpret your request as a command. Then how could you hope to win her to agree cheerfully to a real request later?

I have been advising the parent of the child under four or five rarely to command him to do what she wishes him to do—close the door, pick up a cloth from the floor or run an errand for you—but to ask him. Then to let him choose whether to do it or not.

But if he doesn't? She should be more persuasive, let it go undone or do it herself. She should not be angry at him then, or say "You must." She should not shift from requesting to commanding. Then she will have a co-operative tot, by and by, instead of a stubborn one. As this child grows older he could profit from more requests and fewer commands.

But if the mother were sure the child 2, 8 or 12 should not, right before her eyes do a certain thing, or that he should quit doing something else she would not ask him. She would command him and let him hope the Lord would help him if he didn't obey.

Pickles Perk Up Summer Meals

SWEET mixed pickles work themselves nicely into many dishes. Here's one way to use them in a delicious meat dish.

Pickle Vegetable Braised Round Steak: Have 2 lbs. round steak cut about 1 in. thick. Sprinkle the meat with salt and pepper and dredge with flour. Melt ¼ c. fat over medium heat and add 5 sliced, medium-sized onions. Cook until lightly browned.

Remove onions and add steak. Cook until browned on both sides. Add the onions and 1 c. water. Cover and cook over low heat 1 to 1½ hrs., or until almost tender.

Add one c. each sliced carrots, diced sweet mixed pickles, and diced celery. Salt and pepper to taste. Cover and cook over medium heat until vegetables are tender—about 30 minutes.

To serve 4-6 with an unusual chicken curry, have a 3½ to 4-pound chicken cut in serving pieces.

Sprinkle chicken with salt and pepper. Combine 3 c. all-purpose flour and ¾ tsp. curry powder, mixing well. Then dredge chicken in the curry-flour mixture. Melt ¼ c. butter or margarine over medium heat. Add chicken, browning well.

Add 2½ c. drained, sweet mixed pickles and one c. minced, drained, pineapple chunks. Cover and cook over low heat 45 to 55 minutes, until chicken is tender. Chicken-Pickle French Toast is the answer to how to serve leftovers. To serve 4, combine one c. diced, cooked chicken, ¼ c. minced, drained pineapple, 2 sliced mixed pickles, 2 sliced pineapple cut in thin strips and 2½ c. of this condensed cream of chicken soup. Mix well and heat.

Meanwhile, combine 3 beaten eggs, ¼ c. sweet pickle liquid, ¼ c. milk and ¼ tsp. salt, beat; mix well until blended. Melt ¼ c. butter or margarine. Dip bread slices in egg mixture and sauté in butter or margarine until browned on both sides. Serve chicken pickle mixture over French toast.

—ALICE DENHOFF

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Houses Are Everywhere

—You Find Them Under Ground and Up Trees—

By MAX TRELL

"WELL," said Christopher Cricklet, to Knarf and Hand, the shadow-children of the turned-about names. "I went around to see an old friend of mine last night. He lives in a strange sort of house. It's under the apple tree and not just on-the-ground-under it either. His house is underneath the roots of the apple tree. It's an 'underground' house!"

Here, at a question from Knarf, Christopher Cricklet explained that the friend whom he had visited in his underground house was Blinky Mole.

He Likes the Dark

"Blinky likes living underground," said Christopher Cricklet. "His eyes aren't good. They smart in the sunlight. That's why he doesn't have any windows in his house. That's also why he seldom goes out of his house except late at night."

"And so," continued Christopher Cricklet, "we got to talking about other people's houses. By and by, some other company dropped in to visit: Willy Toad, Bloop and Blip the Frogs, Blackie Beetle, Glive the Snail and a few others."

"Oh, that must have been an interesting visit," said Hand. "What did you all talk about, Chris?"

No Windows

Christopher Cricklet chuckled. "About houses, that's what we talked about. Blinky had just finished saying he had

COMBINED SERVICES' CRICKET TOUR OF MALAYA

By "PRONORTH"

Those interested in cricket in the Colony may care to learn the results of the matches played by the Combined Services team in Singapore and Penang. After the two-day match against Combined Services Singapore, already fully reported in the Press, the side were glad to have a day's rest: much against their will this included a morning's nets on which the Captain wisely insisted.

Combined Services v. University of Malaya (Friday July 15)

Chubb and Carnell were rested in this match, and Birley and Crouch came in their place. Howard-Dobson won the toss, and decided to bat on a fairly easy matting wicket. Pritchard and Green put on 38 for the first wicket, Pritchard batting as though he was continuing his admirable hundred of the previous match, but when Green was out Spooner and Ford followed quickly.

Once Pritchard was out for 33 only Howard-Dobson showed any confidence against the spin bowlers Ratnam and Delikan, and Combined Services were all out for 152. Howard-Dobson being 65 not out. Birley got two quick wickets, but then followed a good stand of 43 between Thilagarani and Delikan. Delikan, a Ceylonese, is a Colony player and looks a cricketer in everything he does. He is a foreing but a dangerous leg spinner and a beautiful slip fielder.

It was a surprise when he gave an easy catch to mid-off to Spooner. He made 42 off 50 balls. When he had gone the others soon followed: Spooner (off breaks) and Pritchard (leg cutters) bowled steadily and well and for 28 and 4 for 14 respectively. St Johnston was an adequate deputy for Chubb as wicket keeper.

This was a delightful game of cricket: the University are a most friendly side and play their cricket as it should be played, by two students, was the highest seen on the tour.

THE SCORES

Combined Services	
Pritchard, b. Delikan b. K. T. Ratnam	33
Green, b. Delikan b. K. T. Ratnam	14
Spooner, b. Delikan b. K. T. Ratnam	10
Ford, b. K. J. Ratnam	10
Howard-Dobson, b. K. J. Ratnam	65
Thilagarani, b. K. J. Ratnam	10
Lipscombe, b. Marks	10
Dhabher, b. Marks	10
Crouch, b. Newick b. Delikan	10
St Johnston, b. K. T. Ratnam	10
Birley, b. K. T. Ratnam	10
Extras	11
Total	152

Bowling	
K. J. Ratnam 3 for 40; K. T. Ratnam 4 for 23	
University of Malaya	
Thilagarani, b. Lipscombe	21
Spooner, b. Thilagarani	21
Howard-Dobson, b. Thilagarani	42
Delikan, b. Thilagarani	42
Spooner, b. Thilagarani	10
Thilagarani, b. Spooner	10
K. J. Ratnam, b. Spooner	2
Spooner, b. Thilagarani	1
Thilagarani, b. Spooner	3
Howard-Dobson, b. Spooner	3
Extras	7
Total	100

Combined Services v. Singapore Cricket Club (July 16)

Chubb again won the toss on a bright hot day, on a perfect wicket both openers were back in the pavilion for 14 runs. Then followed a good stand of 53 between Ford and Spooner: neither was quite minding the ball but at least they were there, and runs were coming: occasionally both produced sparkling shots that showed what they could do when in form.

At lunch time however both were out and the score was 87 for 3. Howard-Dobson and Taylor took five chances after lunch against steady bowling: in fact the rate of scoring slowed to such an extent that both got out in attempting to score more quickly. Unfortunately the rest of the side followed their example and the innings closed at 123, leaving Singapore Cricket Club plenty of time to get the runs.

Carnell and Birley opened the bowling: Carnell bowled quite well but without the fire he showed in the first match. He certainly troubled Sheppard, who has played for Scotland, and eventually bowled him. Spooner again bowled steadily and well, Singapore won considerably by five wickets. Glendinning finishing the match with a splendid six over long-on.

After the game bats were presented by the President of the Singapore Cricket Club to Ford of Combined Services for the best innings and to Ford of the Singapore Cricket Club for the best bowling performance. Mr. Kitchman was thanked by both Captains for his generosity.

THE SCORES

Combined Services	
Pritchard, b. Kitchman	2
Green, b. Kitchman	2
Spooner, b. Kitchman	27
Howard-Dobson, b. Kitchman	41
Ford, b. Kitchman	11
Thilagarani, b. Kitchman	11
Lipscombe, b. Kitchman	11
Dhabher, b. Kitchman	11
Crouch, b. Kitchman	11
St Johnston, b. Kitchman	11
Birley, b. Kitchman	11
Extras	11
Total	100

Bowling	
Farmer 3 for 31; Woodhouse 2 for 40; Kitchman 2 for 21	
Singapore Cricket Club	
Sheppard, b. Carnell	22
Howard-Dobson, b. Carnell	12
Delikan, b. Carnell	12
Thilagarani, b. Carnell	12
Kitchman, b. Carnell	12
Glendinning, b. Carnell	12
Extras	14
Total	129

Combined Services v. Penang Sports Club (Sunday July 17)

An extremely weary cricket team climbed into a Vauxhall at Changi Airport at 6.30 a.m. on Sunday, July 17. They were all tired by two days' cricket and some by their excesses of Saturday evening, and were now faced with a two-hour flight to RAF Butterworth to play a game at Penang.

Their innings (Chubb had won the toss again) reflected their weariness: there can be no other excuse for the batting on a pitch which, though lively at times, was laid in perfect surroundings.

Gundry-White, who was to have been in the Combined Services side, opened the bowling for the opposition and removed Pritchard and Spooner in his first over.

Green played confidently but eventually fell to a full toss, and after this only Ford, who ran himself out, and Howard-Dobson, who played his best innings of the tour, made any sense of some ordinary bowling. A last wicket stand between St Johnston and Howard-Dobson put on 27 runs in seven overs.

Carnell took two wickets for six runs, but then lost his length, and only Spooner as usual, bowled a length. Even so Penang were perhaps fortunate to win as Urquhart, who made 50, might well have been out more than once though he hit an fine six off Carnell over mid-on.

Penang won by four wickets, and then proceeded to show the team some very old-fashioned hospitality. It was a most enjoyable and entertaining visit, though there were some very tired eyes on the aeroplane at 6.30 a.m. on Monday morning.

THE SCORES

Combined Services	
Pritchard, b. Gundry-White	2
Green, b. Gundry-White	2
Spooner, b. Gundry-White	27
Ford, b. Gundry-White	10
Howard-Dobson, b. Gundry-White	10
Thilagarani, b. Gundry-White	10
Lipscombe, b. Gundry-White	10
Dhabher, b. Gundry-White	10
Crouch, b. Gundry-White	10
St Johnston, b. Gundry-White	10
Birley, b. Gundry-White	10
Extras	11
Total	100

Bowling	
Birley 2 for 10; Spooner 4 for 24	
Penang Sports Club	
Carnell, b. Spooner	17
Gundry-White, b. Spooner	17
Howard-Dobson, b. Spooner	17
Delikan, b. Spooner	17
Thilagarani, b. Spooner	17
Lipscombe, b. Spooner	17
Dhabher, b. Spooner	17
Crouch, b. Spooner	17
St Johnston, b. Spooner	17
Birley, b. Spooner	17
Extras	11
Total	100

Bowling	
Carnell 2 for 27; Spooner 4 for 24	
Army Singapore	
Chubb and Lipscombe stood down for the last match of the tour: following his captain's example, Howard-Dobson won the toss. Once again on an easy matting wicket against very ordinary bowling the batting, apart from Pritchard, collapsed and only Extras reached double figures. Pritchard's innings was invaluable: he combined immaculate defence against good balls with an eager readiness to hit the bad ones and if occasionally he was fortunate he deserved all his luck. He made 69 not out of 124.	

Leading Averages

BATTING	Runs	HS	NO	Avg
Maj. Howard-Dobson (7 H.)	224	78	2	58
St Johnston (RHKDF)	219	110	2	54.75
2/Lt Ford (1 Northampton)	104	41	1	17.33
Sgt Taylor (RAF)	70	38	1	11.00
BOWLING	Runs	HS	NO	Avg
J/T Birley (RAF)	39	12	10	3.9
2/Lt Pritchard (RHKDF)	17	14	10	1.7
Ph. Chubb (RHKDF)	17	14	10	1.7
2/Lt Spooner (1 Northampton)	89	103	15	10.6

MOSS RECEIVES THE TROPHY



Laurel wreathed after his victory in the British Grand Prix at Aintree on July 17, is British driver Stirling Moss. He won in a German Mercedes by a fraction of a second from his team mate, World Champion Fangio. Moss is about to receive the trophy.—Central Press Photo.

MY TIP TO STATHAM IS 'TAKE IT EASY'

Says DENIS COMPTON

Since the time when, as a novice to county cricket, I watched big Jim Smith, of Middlesex, remove his boots from his chafed and weary feet at the end of a hot day in the field, I have had a healthy respect for fast bowlers.

During the 1950-51 tour of Australia, one enterprising greengrocer did flourishing business by advertising cabbages "with hearts as big as Freddie Brown."

That was a fitting tribute to our skipper, but I would say it could be applied equally well to any fast bowler who has made the grade at Test cricket.

Believe me, fast bowlers have to be big-hearted to do well against the cream of the world's batting on the true pitches that are the general rule in Test matches. They are the "blood, sweat and tears" men of our great game.

All too seldom does a fast bowler find anything coming easily to him in cricket. He has to work tremendously hard for his success. When he does well, the spotlight is switched on him. Not so on these many long and dusty days when his labours go unrewarded.

If the pitch is soft, the spin bowler usually dominates the scene. If the pitch is hard, normally conditions favour the batsman and the fast bowler tells away hopelessly. Often, he will be on a hiding to nothing.

At the moment, England is stocked with fast bowlers of speed and quality. MUST WATCH

The fighting spirit of these men cannot be quenched, but we must watch that they are not burned out in another sense—physically. I find all too significant the breakdowns in recent weeks of Frank Tyson, Brian Statham, Freddie Trueman and Peter Laker. The accumulative effects of tours abroad and intensive cricket at home look to be taking their toll of some of them.

Brian Statham, the latest casualty, and surely one of our prize assets for the renewal of the struggle against Australia next year, is lightly built for fast bowling. Yet he has been playing cricket almost continuously since December 1953, when he went out to the West Indies with the MCC.

Statham is a great fast bowler, a thoroughbred, but not a dray horse. We must never forget that. His absence from the MCC team to go to Pakistan this winter would be a disappointment to Pakistan cricket, but for the sake of England's future Test prospects—a good long rest might be more beneficial to him.

We all welcome Colin Cowdrey back to Test cricket—and for those of us in the team he brings not only his great cricketing ability but a gift that helps to relieve the big match strain.

COWDREY, THE MIMIC For Colin is a first-class mimic. His unusually developed gift contributed to the excellent

3 Day Singapore Cycling Race Is Cancelled

By "NTACA"

Big — and bad — news of the week is the cancellation of the Three-Day Race at Singapore. The only information to hand is that the race is "OFF", no reason being given, but it is assumed that the present unsettled state of that country makes the holding of such an event undesirable. Perhaps, some time in the future....

The RAF Novice Competition came to an end last Sunday, the last race of the series being a 25 miles Time Trial. Winner was Lam Hong, of the SCAA, whose 1-2-22 was over two minutes better than that of second man, Hong (Pegasus). SCAA also took third place award with Ng Kni Man, in 1-5-19.

In the overall competition, the winner was Riders of the promoting club, with a total of 11 points. Second was Jones, (7 Hussars), 10 points, while third position was shared by Hong and Templeman, the new Essex sensation, at 9 points each.

The Team contest was won by the promoters, Exiles CC, who accumulated 14 points to the 13 of the Essex and 11 of SCAA.

The Army Novices competition, promoted by the NTACA, has still one more event to go, a 50 miles Time Trial around the New Territories Road Circuit. This takes place today, starting at 4 p.m.

Last Wednesday the event was the climb of Twisk Hill, resulting in a fine win for Templeman with an actual time of 22-28, Lunn (REME) finishing second place in an actual time of 22-28.

Individual positions in the overall battle are as follows: Lunn (REME), 21 pts., Philcox (Essex), 18, and Clegg (REME), 15. REME CC have taken over the lead from the Essex team in the Team struggle, leading by 40 points to 46, with the rest nowhere.

The final race promises to be a very close struggle, with handicap allowances ranging up to 26 minutes. Philcox, the only rider capable of taking the individual lead from Lunn, will not be riding. A great pity, as this very courageous rider is a danger to the last minute.

TOUR DE FRANCE At the time of writing, only two of the original ten starters from Britain are still in the Tour de France. Brian Robinson is occupying a meritorious 39th position, while Tony Hoar is holding on to the "Lanterne Rouge" as last of the remaining 74 participants.

Of the 132 starters, a number have been eliminated by the "Time Limit", which necessitates that all riders must finish within ten per cent of the winner's time. Among them are some of the top names in international cycling, so our boys have no cause to feel unduly depressed.

Louison Bobet, French favourite to be the first man ever to win this great race three times running, is lying comfortably in second position, five minutes down on team mate Roldand.

Roldand has held the "Yellow Jersey" as race leader for the majority of the time, and is riding extremely well. It is expected that Bobet will make his attacks in the next few stages to try and build up a winning lead. And barring accidents, I cannot see anything to stop him.

NEW RECORDS The improved weather at home has resulted in an amazing crop of new records. On one day, no less than six national records went the way of records. Perhaps the most outstanding were the performances of Ray Booty and young Billy Holmes. Booty made the 100 miles National Championship, to win by over 10 minutes, setting up a new record of 4-4-30, a 2 min. 1 sec. beating of the previous best by BAR Gibbons.

This ride puts Booty well at the head of the two-distance table in the Best All-Rounder contest, and gives him a good chance of pulling it off. The fastest ever time trial was the 25 by Holmes, who covered the distance in 56-6, an average

speed of over 20.7 miles an hour. Gene Tiley broke the women's record, to put up a time of 1-4-1, in the same event. Other new best times set were the 20 miles Tandem, 1-0-40 by Gannbrill and Killick; 100 miles Tricycle, 4-30-50, by Mortimer; and the Women's, 15 miles by Mary Dawson.

Altogether a good week-end. Postscript. Any rider wishing to attack the New Territories Road Circuit Record, held by Gower (Cygnets CC) in 2-21, may take advantage of the NTACA Novice event to be held this afternoon at 4 p.m.

SOFTBALL

S. China Beat USS Foss 14-1

Displaying peak form, South China walloped the USS Foss, representing the US Navy, by 14-1 to remain unbeaten in the Summer Softball League at King's Park yesterday. Pitcher W. K. "Goose" Wong went the full distance and was credited with a fine performance.

Wong, during the seven innings, struck out six Navy batters and walked two while losing pitcher Bratton fanned two. Caroliners but issued six walks.

Settling down from the very first inning, South China drew blood by scoring three runs, but in the next three innings, the gobs played heads-up ball to hold them scoreless. Feature of the three innings was the excellent fielding of the sailors.

The Caroliners went to town in the fourth canto, scoring five runs on five hits and when they tallied three additional runs in the sixth, it was beyond all question that they would clinch the game. The Navy failed to score owing to the smooth teamwork of the Chinese softballers.

In the seventh inning, South China took advantage of the errors of the Navy to register more runs to complete a 14-1 rout.

K.T. "Rabbit" Leung was in top batting form, hitting three in four. L.C. Poon was not too far behind him, securing three in five.

GOODWOOD STAKES

Probable Starters And Jockeys

London, July 27. Sixteen probable starters with jockeys for the Goodwood Stakes to be run over a course of two miles three furlongs at Goodwood at 1410 GMT today (Wednesday) are:

Little Cloud (L. Piggott), Arctic Slave (A. Bressler), Dingo (D. Smith), Cunningham (W. Rickaby), French Design (V. Gardner), The Black Horse (E. Smith), Vanished Age (W. Nevett), Anglo-Irishman (W. Smith), Wilmore (C. Gaston), Neptune's Queen (A. Shrive), Hilarion (H. Packham), King Conkers (D. Ryan), Tarian (D. Greening), Morphise (D. W. Morris), Master Bob (S. Millbanks) and King's Counsellor (W. Swinburn).—China Mail Special.

Sovietsky Sport Discovers The Trojans Of USC

Moscow, July 26.

Russia's track and field athletes were warned on Tuesday by the nation's leading sports newspaper that the United States has developed a whole new crop of stars who already are breaking world records and present a great threat for the 1956 Olympics.

The newspaper, Sovietsky Sport, especially lauds the University of Southern California which, it says, has "turned out a great number of Champions and world record holders during the past 25 to 30 years."

In an article summarising the 67th USA Track and Field Championships, Sovietsky Sports pointed out that "the majority of first places went to young athletes."

ALL DISPLACED The newspaper stressed that stars who scored so heavily for the United States in the 1952 Olympics in Helsinki have already been displaced by newcomers.

Sovietsky Sport praised Jim Goldiday in the 100 and 220 Yards dashes.

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July 26. Sister of Dr. J.
Rumjani. (Liverpool) A. A.
Rumjani and Mrs. A. A. Rumjani.
Funeral at 4.45 p.m. on
Monday, July 27, at the Muslim
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SUBJECT TO ALTERATION WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

COMMUNISM'S POVERTY IN TERMS OF TRADE EXPORTS

By DAVID L. BOWEN
Associated Press Writer

Communist Russia and
China, two of the biggest
nations in the world in
terms of land area, shrink
to a fraction of their size
when compared with others
in terms of trade exports.
The United States easily
becomes the biggest nation
of the world when conventional
lines are redrawn to
show relative importance in
world trade rather than
actual land area.

Drastic Change

On this standard the face
of Europe undergoes drastic
change. All the nations of
eastern Europe contract and
most of those in western
Europe expand. The United
Kingdom is the biggest ex-
porter in that region, fol-
lowed by West Germany and
France.

The distorted map repre-
senting continents and coun-
tries on the scale of their
exports was prepared by
W.S. and E.S. Woytinsky as
one of the illustrations of
World Commerce and Gov-
ernments, second volume of
a two-part factual and
statistical description of all
the major aspects of the
world economy being
brought out in the autumn
of the Twentieth Century
Fund. The first part,
published two years ago,
was called World Population
and Production.

The map, drawn on a pro-
jection designed by Dr.
Erwin Raisz, was worked
out from International
Monetary Fund figures giv-
ing 1952 export value in US
dollars for some 90 coun-
tries and areas that repre-
sent more than 92 per cent
of world trade. No recent
data was available for
Russia, China or the Com-
munist satellite nations. The

relative proportions of these
countries were estimated by
the authors on the basis of
the latest available informa-
tion.

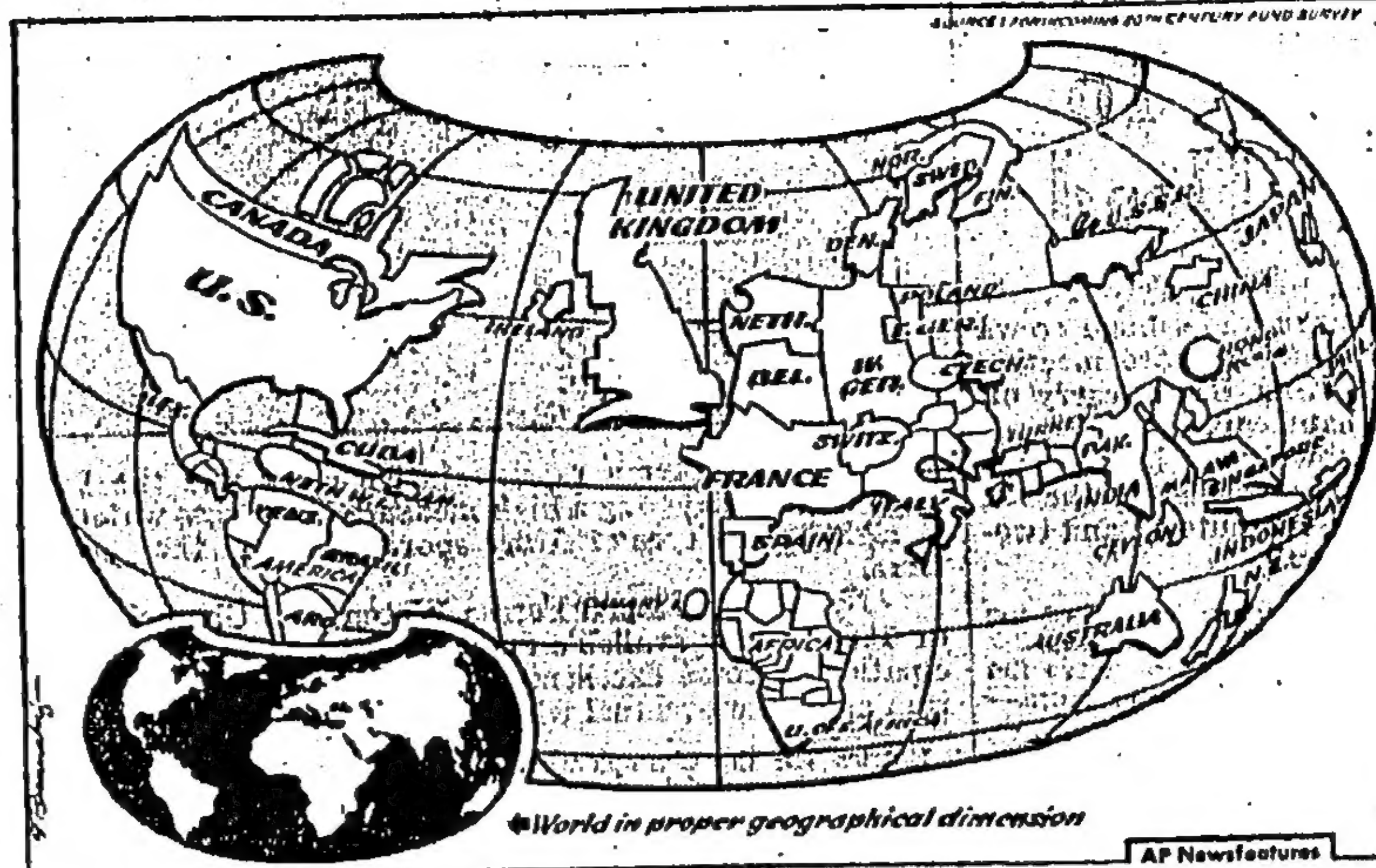
The total value of exports
in 1952 was almost 78½
billion dollars. The United
States accounted for better
than 15 billion of this, or
20 per cent of the total.
The United Kingdom
had the next biggest
share, 7½ billion or 10
per cent of the total. Canada
was in third place with
nearly five billion, followed
by West Germany with just
under four billion and
France about 100 million
under that.

In 1952 these five nations
accounted for 48 per cent
of world exports and 43
per cent of the imports. A total
of 15 nations, the Woytinsky
point out, maintained
two-thirds of the world's
trade while the remaining
third is distributed among
some 75 countries and
areas.

Index Figures

Pointing to index figures
making possible comparison
of the growth of world in-
dustrial output and world
exports, the Woytinsky
state that in 1952 world
industrial production, ex-
cluding Russia, was 63 per
cent above the 1937 level.
At the same time, world
exports had risen only 35
per cent above the 1937
level.

Thus, they continue, a
gap has developed between
the growth of world in-
dustrial production and in-



ternational trade. They con-
clude that the lag in inter-
national exchange of goods
seems to be a major
obstacle to the further
increase of production and
improvement in the world's
standard of living, especial-
ly in Western Europe.

Admiral Of 'The Incident' Promoted

London, July 26.
The British admiral who was
jaunched by a seaman a week
ago was promoted, on Tuesday
night.

Vice-Admiral J. W. M. Eaton
was named British Naval Com-
mander-in-Chief of the
American-West Coast Division
and Deputy Supreme Allied
Commander, Atlantic.

The Admiralty announced
the appointment even while
Seaman James McSparran
awaited trial on Thursday for
knocking off the 52-year-old
admiral's gold braided cap
during an inspection.
McSparran, a husky, 22-year-
old Scot, was ordered to be
court-martialed for what was
officially described as "The In-
cident" aboard Her Majesty's
Ship Berry.—Associated Press.

Soviet Visas For West Germans

Berlin, July 26.
The Soviet Union, for the
first time since 1945, has agreed
to permit a group of West Ger-
man tourists to visit the USSR,
the Bayern-Express tourist
agency announced here today.

A director of the agency,
which arranges organized tours,
said the Soviet Ambassador in
Berlin had assured the agency
that visas would be issued to
250 Germans who wish to be
present for the soccer match
between West Germany and the
USSR to be played in Moscow
next August 21.

The visas would permit a
four-day stay in Moscow, in-
cluding visits to the city and its
outskirts, the director said.

He said that he thought the
number of visas to be issued
might be increased, following
negotiations with the Soviet
Embassy.—France-Press.

Sergeant's Appeal May Take Months

London, July 26.
The proposed appeal by
Sergeant Frederick Emmett-
Dunne to the Queen for a re-
view of his sentence for the
murder of a fellow sergeant in
Germany may not be presented
for several months.

Mr. George Coleman, Emmett-
Dunne's solicitor, said today that
much work was involved.

"We believe that some of the
witnesses who gave evidence at
the trial could have been mis-
taken about conversations which
took place nearly two years
ago," he added. "There are
other circumstances too which I
cannot disclose."

"All these matters will have
to be collated for the petition."

Emmett-Dunne was sentenced
to hang for the murder of
Sergeant Reginald Waters but
because West Germany, where
the court martial was held, has
no death penalty, the sentence
was commuted to life imprison-
ment.—China Mail Special.

Famous Aviation Name Reappears

Amsterdam, July 24.

The prototype of Holland's first airliner since
the war, the Fokker F-27 Friendship, will fly this
summer.

Its tests will mark the return of a famous
name to world civil aviation.

Britain, the United States and
Australia are among countries
showing interest in this
passenger-freight transport,
which will be powered by two
Rolls-Royce Dart propeller-
turbine engines.

The Friendship is designed to
fill the gap left by the famous
Douglas DC-3 Dakota, now be-
coming a vintage model although
still doing valiant service.

It will be another cheap,
economical, mid-of-all-work
plane, about the same size as the
Dakota. It will take between
26-36 passengers, depending
upon the amount of freight
carried.

Spokesmen of Fokker say that
to their knowledge there is only
one possible competitor in this
field in the world—the four-
engine British Handley-Page
Herald which is expected, like
the Friendship, to fly this year.

Big Enough

"The world market is
certainly big enough for both
planes," the spokesman added.

To air enthusiasts, the name
Fokker conjures up a fund of
memories. Pilots of the 1914-18
War well remember the wood-
and-canvas fighters which
Anthony Fokker sold to the
Germans.

Then there were the pioneer
planes of civil aviation in the
1920's. Admiral Byrd's flight
over the North Pole in 1926
and Amelia Earhart's historic
Atlantic crossing two years later
were both achieved with Fokker
planes.

Fokker airliners pioneered all
the way in the 1920's, and by
1930 more than half the world's
civil airliners were Fokker-
built. No less than 26 govern-
ments used Fokker military
planes and 22 countries built
Fokker aircraft under licence.

Then came the anti-climax.
All-metal construction was be-
coming the order of the day,
and Fokker lagged behind,
clinging to wood and fabric
whilst more go-ahead American

firm, such as Douglas and
Boeing, seized the civil market
custom.

In the military field, however,
Fokkers held their own. Military
men were slower than civilians
to realise the advantages of al-
l-metal build, and went on order-
ing. This steady pre-war output
of services aircraft enabled
Fokker to renew his plant and
switch to metal construction.

World War II left Fokker's
main factory at Schiphol, near
Amsterdam, a heap of ruins.
The Americans razed it one
week-end in 1944 in a low-level
raid, after previously warning
the workers. Then the Nazi
occupation troops looted all the
machinery, taking it off to
Germany.

Yet within a year of libera-
tion, the firm was working
again, converting planes from
military to civil use. KLM,
the Royal Dutch Airlines, and
repairing and overhauling
service planes. It developed a
basic trainer, the single-engine
S 11, and the S 12, a modified
version with a tricycle under-
carriage. These sold well.

Then came a stroke of ill-
fortune with the unfortun-
ately named S 13, another trainer,
this time a twin-engine model.
The Dutch Government had
placed an order for 50 of these
when, as a Fokker spokesman
put it, "Marshall Aid came
along. The Government was
offered Beechcraft planes for
nothing, and cancelled its order."

A Success

But meanwhile the light-
weight S 11 was proving a
success. The Royal Netherlands
Air Force ordered 100. The
Italian and Israeli air forces,
too, adopted it as their standard
basic trainer, and the Italian
firm of Macchi began building
about 200 at Varese, in northern
Italy.

Then came the latest Fokker
trainer, the S 14 jet trainer
powered by either Rolls-Royce
or Nene engines. It has not
yet been adopted by the North
Atlantic Pact Organisation, Fok-
ker are hopeful, but they feel
that intrinsic worth is not the
only factor involved in decisions
of this kind.

"Politics plays a part too,"
one Fokker spokesman said. "If
the North Atlantic Treaty Or-
ganisation people want to give
extra work to another country,
which is in danger of going
Communist, that country may
get the order instead of us,
even though its aircraft may not
be as good."

The S 14 is not without cus-
tomers, however. Fifty are now
being built in the half-Brazilian,
half-Fokker firm of Fokker In-
dustria Aeronautica at Galeao
Airport, Rio de Janeiro, and 25
are being built here for the
Dutch Air Force.

There have also been big
orders for the assembly of Brit-
ish fighters. Just over a year
ago, Fokker delivered the last
of 330 Gloster Meteors. Mark
VIII, and now they are assem-
bling and building the airframes
for some 410 Hawker Hunter
jets.

But all these post-war
planes, including the trainers,
were wholly or mainly designed
for military use. The Friendship
is the first civil aircraft develop-
ed and built by Fokker since
the 1930's.

Four prototypes are being
built, two for flying and two
for rigorous static tests. The
Friendship's pressure hull will
be tested to twice normal work-
ing pressure in a large concrete
tank now nearing completion.
Metal fatigue, cause of the
failure of the British Comet I
jet airliner, will be checked by
a special method developed by
the British Royal Aeronautical
Establishment at Farnborough.

The Friendship is being built
to conform with standards laid
down by civil air authorities in
the United States, Britain and
Australia. An as yet unusual
feature is that its seats are to
be backward-facing for added
safety.

Selling Price

It will sell at somewhere be-
tween 1,750,000 and 2,000,000
guilders (about £175,000-
£200,000 sterling) depending on
mass production conditions.

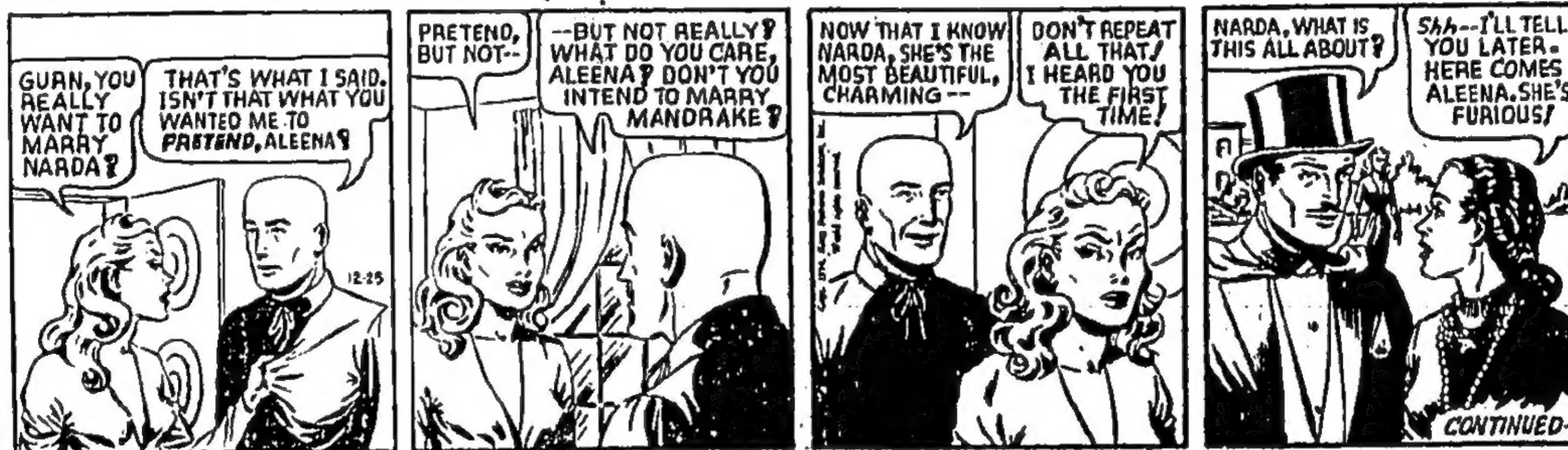
So far, KLM is the only air-
line to have placed orders. It
has ordered two on condition
that at least 20 are produced
altogether—and there is not
much doubt about that, accord-
ing to Fokker.

But even its paper specifica-
tions are arousing interest. Its
high-wing design facilitates easy
cargo handling and its cruising
speed of 430 kilometres (265
miles) an hour combined with
a range of 1,000 kilometres
(1,000 miles) appeal to many
operators.

The American Fairchild com-
pany has taken an option to
build the aircraft on licence.
Australian domestic airlines are
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and so are British charter firms.
—China Mail Special.

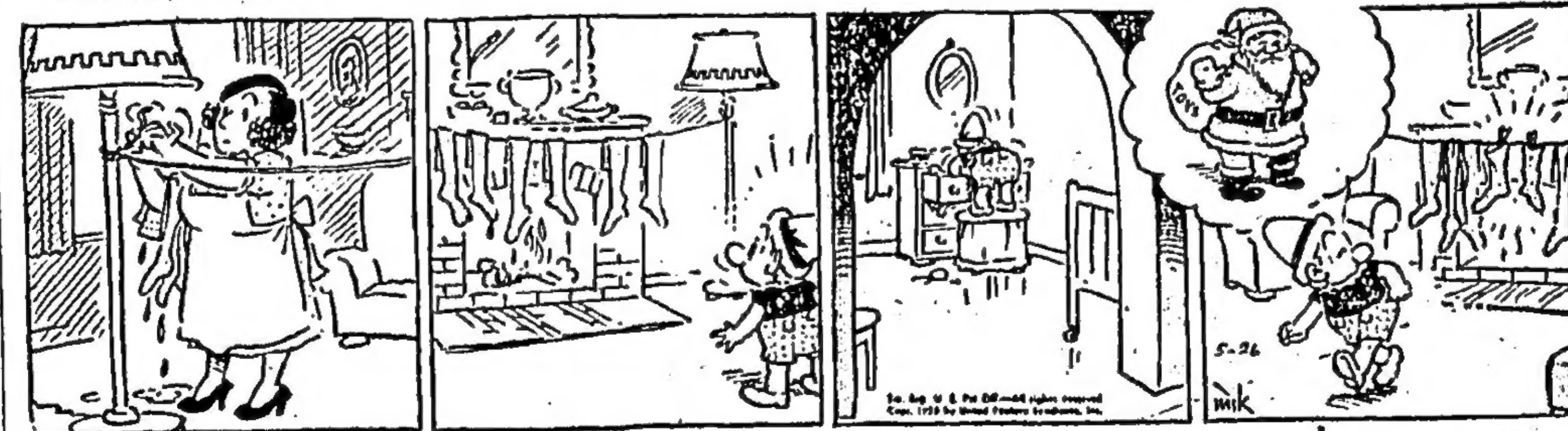
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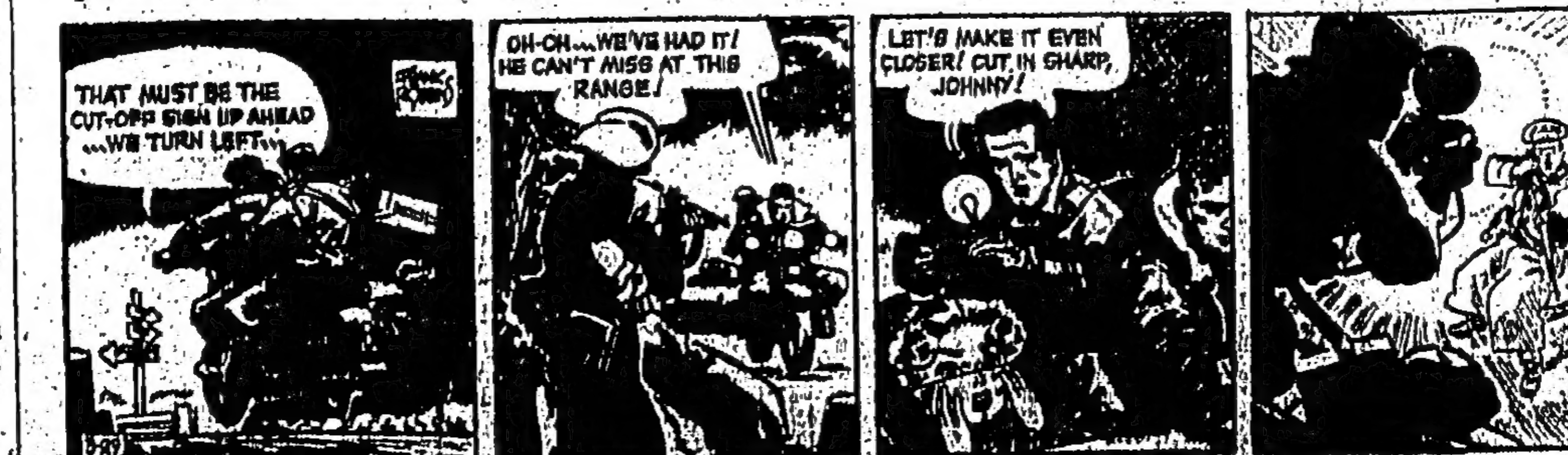
NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins



...this situation
calls for a
San Miguel

Spanish Housewives Now Have Problem

Madrid, July 26. "It can't happen here," Spanish housewives had always insisted when foreigners talked of their "servant problem."

But now it is happening here. Madrid's weekly newspaper, *El Espanol*, estimates that 120,000 housewives in Spain today are looking for domestic help.

The gradual industrialisation of Spain is absorbing female labour rapidly, although the low standard of education which girls in Spain receive at the age of 12, and the fact that many of the children in Spain whom the authorities admit never go to school, is still a handicap.

Domestic servants' agencies in Madrid report about 2,000 places vacant each day, which they are unable to fill, according to *El Espanol*.

Salaries

Monthly salaries for servants living in one large flat in 100 pesetas (€1) to 300 pesetas (€3).

The ending hours of Spaniards make the maid's day a long one. Housewives usually get up at 6 o'clock at night and sometimes later, so that the maid usually does not go to bed until midnight or 1 a.m. But she has to be up at 4 a.m. to begin work again.

Some housewives give their maids two free afternoons each week, but some give only one. And many housewives insist that even on her afternoon off the maid shall get back in time to prepare and serve dinner.

Whereas women workers in industry in Spain have the benefit of a 15 per cent increase in wages as well as paid holidays, domestic servants have no health or other social services or protection.

El Espanol reported that Spanish girls are much in demand in Italy, Britain and France as servants. *China Mail Special*.

Surveys Of Beach Approaches

Ottawa, July 26.

Canada's newest Arctic patrol vessel, the I.M.C.S. Labrador, already has many Canadian "firsts" on her record, but when she sailed from Halifax for northern waters at the end of May, she was the first Canadian naval vessel to carry underwater television equipment.

A new technique developed by the Royal Navy will be used to make surveys of underwater beach approaches in the Arctic and to study the reaction of divers in the cool water conditions of the far North.

Lieutenant Commander J.H. Bathurst, on the staff of the director of Torpedo Anti-Submarine and Mine Warfare at Royal Canadian Navy headquarters in Ottawa, has had considerable experience in this field while serving with the Royal Navy and will conduct the experiments aboard the Labrador.

Portable Equipment

The equipment, owned by the Canadian Defence Research Board, is portable and can be operated from one of the Labrador's boats for inshore, shallow water work. It consists of a control unit, including a monitoring screen, to which the camera is attached by cable. The camera is enclosed in a cylindrical case, measuring 23 inches in length and 11 inches in diameter. This unit has a slight positive buoyancy, making it easier to handle under water.

The actual television is controlled from the ship or boat, which is in radio communication with the diver who has only to point the camera as directed. The unit operates on the closed circuit television principle.

This summer will be the first time that divers of the Royal Canadian Navy have operated underwater television equipment. *China Mail Special*.

Missing Soldiers

Washington, July 26.

The fate of 470 American soldiers listed as "missing" during the Korean war is still unknown, the US Department of Defense announced today.

The Defence Department, in a letter to Congress, said that the fate of 474 other soldiers originally listed as missing after the war was now known. *France-Press*.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

BANK BROUGHT INTO LINE

The British Treasury Has Asserted Its Authority

London, July 26.

The British Treasury has asserted its authority over the Bank of England.

The latter, although it has been a nationalised institution since 1945 and is in theory subordinate to the Treasury often shows a fair amount of independence.

In recent months it has been following a noticeably distinct line on the important question of sterling convertibility.

But informed sources say that this division is now to end and that the Bank has been told to follow the Treasury line more carefully in future.

The Treasury's view is that sterling convertibility will be possible only when certain conditions have been achieved.

These are a free United States import policy, a bigger gold and dollar reserve and a sound internal financial condition in Britain.

REMOTE CONTINGENCY

Not one of these conditions is regarded as having been achieved at the moment, so convertibility is regarded as a remote contingency.

But those more closely associated with the day to day working of foreign exchanges tend to take a different view.

They say that in fact sterling is almost convertible at the present time; that only a very small change is needed to make it fully convertible and this change could easily be made at any time.

This view has gained ground since it was decided in February to extend the official support to the unofficial markets, in which transferable sterling is traded against dollars.

The effect is that all foreign-held sterling is convertible at a very small discount. Full convertibility may be the elimination of this discount.

The difference between the views attributed to the Treasury and the Bank of England, respectively, is really one of form rather than of substance. It is true that sterling is in practice very near to convertibility.

CONFUSION

A confusion between the two views has led to some remarkable rumours on the Continent of Europe.

In Germany, particularly, it has been assumed that sterling will be made convertible soon and that this will involve a widening of the fluctuation limits.

In the present weak state of the exchange a widening of the limits would mean fluctuation downwards so the German newspapers have been forecasting that sterling will be devalued in August.

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British Restrictions Hailed In US

By John Morka

New York, July 26.

The British Government's newly-imposed credit restrictions aimed at curbing the purchasing spree by gadget-hungry Britons was generally hailed as a constructive measure in US financial circles here.

Although most experts feel that the British will succeed in slowing down the buying pace by lifting the down-payment to 33 1/3 per cent from 15 per cent on instalment purchases of certain items, there was some doubt noted about the degree of effectiveness of the new credit restraints.

Some observers here emphasised that British banks, by showing more selectivity in passing on new loan applications, will probably play a more effective role in boosting exports by imposing credit brakes on consumer buying at home.

BANK RATE

Some observers here were not inclined to discount altogether the possibility that Great Britain might have to further increase the present discount rate of 4 1/2 per cent at some future date. Last February, Chancellor Butler boosted the rate the Bank of England charges member banks to the current level of 4 1/2 per cent and set the down-payment on all instalment purchases at 15 per cent of the purchase price. It was hoped that these restrictions would help exports but the move has evidently failed.

Most observers here take the new British measures as further evidence that Great Britain cannot, in the immediate future at least, undertake a return to currency convertibility, not even on a partial basis.

It was emphasised here that any move in the direction of convertibility would have to await a further strengthening of the British economic position. *United Press*.

AGREEMENT

There was no inclination here to view the British action as reflecting any serious deterioration in the British payments position.

There was considerable agreement in line with the views expressed in the House of Commons announcement yesterday by Chancellor Butler—that the British Government's economy was fundamentally sound.

Observers here look upon the British action as reflecting sound banking practices which will contribute immeasurably to a further strengthening of the British position.

It was said the British move comes at an opportune time, particularly amidst speculation that British Government is planning to devalue its sterling by widening the limits between which the pound sterling can fluctuate in relation to other currencies.

It was felt that Chancellor Butler's announcement yesterday that Britain planned no further move on the exchange front would have the psychological effect of neutralising any tendency to expect a change in the rate at which the British Government would support the pound sterling. This rate is now between \$2.78 and \$2.82.

SIMILARITY

Some observers noted a similarity in the recent tremendous buildup of bank loans and consumer credit in the United States and Great Britain.

Bank loans in Britain rose in the first six months of 1955 by 448 million over the comparable period in 1953. Commercial bank loans to consumers in the United States rose by about \$1,000,000,000 during the same period this year. In 1954 the volume of these loans changed very little.

It was felt here that Great Britain, because of the emphasis it must place on exports to sustain its economy, was under more pressure than was the United States in diversifying its production from consumer channels to export markets. *United Press*.

New York Foreign Exchange

	New York, July 26
Canada	100/11/16
England official	2/78 1/2
30-day futures	2/78 1/2
60-day futures	2/78 1/2
90-day futures	2/78 1/2
Australia	2/78 1/2
South Africa	2/78 1/2
New Zealand	2/78 1/2
Belgium	2/78 1/2
India	2/78 1/2
Pakistan	2/78 1/2

—United Press.

US LIVING COSTS UP

Washington, July 26. The cost of living rose in June for the first time since November, the Government reported today.

Mainly because of higher food prices, the Bureau of Labour statistics index of consumer prices went up two-tenths of one per cent between mid-May and mid-June to 114.4 per cent of average 1947-49 prices. *United Press*.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$2,007,623.40. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
HK Bank	1835	1005	34 @ 1000
SD			34 @ 1000

East Asia	234		
INSURANCE			
Union	1000	1070	2 @ 1070
Union	1000	1070	2 @ 1070

Waterbury	2190		
DOCKERS, ETC.			
K. Wharf	1000	200 @ 10	200 @ 10
Dock	1000	200 @ 10	200 @ 10

Wheelock	0.00	0.70	0.00 @ 0.70
LAND, ETC.			
HK Land	1870	1800	10 @ 1870
HK Land	1870	1800	10 @ 1870

Realty	2.00	1000	2 @ 2.00
RUBBER			
A Rubber	2.30	2.35	1000 @ 2.35
UTILITIES			
Trans	24 1/2	24 1/2	1000 @ 24 1/2

Star Ferry	100	155	8 @ 122
Yat-nan Ferry	122	123	100 @ 122
C. Light (N)	23 1/2	23 1/2	300 @ 23 1/2
C. Light (S)	18 1/2	18 1/2	100 @ 18 1/2

Electric	44 1/2	44 1/2	100 @ 44 1/2
Mong Kok	10.00		
Telephone	30	30 1/2	1745 @ 30
INDUSTRIALS			
Central	32	32 1/2	1000 @ 32 1/2

Rope	23.00	23.00	100 @ 23.00
STOCKS, ETC.			
Dairy	23.00	23.00	100 @ 23.00
Watson	13.20	13.40	100 @ 13.20

COTTONS			
Textile Corp.	6.15		
Nanyang	8.40		
MISCELLANEOUS			
Yanktze	5.85	6.10	1000 @ 5.85

New York Sugar Market

New York, July 26. World No. 4 sugar futures closed today 1 point lower to 2 cents higher with sales of 115 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to 1 point lower with sales of 44 contracts. Both markets ruled quiet and featureless while traders awaited developments in the raw markets.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

A Slip Of The Tooth

PORTSMOUTH'S magistrates sit daily in a tall, grey, terrace house in Southsea, that has private hotels for its neighbours and the look of having been one such itself until the law, bombed out of its proper quarters, took up residence.

In the "first-floor-front," three magistrates were hearing the cry of a civil servant who pleaded not guilty to a charge of being drunk and disorderly. One floor up, three others sat in judgment upon a dog with an impeccable character that, caught off guard, had one day seized one of its master's newspapers, which it liked to carry, but the arm and ankle of the newsboy delivering them.

THE NEW BOY

TO fetch and carry newspapers rules among dogs as a useful social accomplishment, like piano-playing among humans.

But even to seem to be about to fetch and carry newspapers, is another and graver matter. This dog, call him Ben, through an error of judgment, a slip of the tongue, had done that.

The misunderstanding had its beginning when a new boy was put on the paper round, a boy who did his work with praiseworthy thoroughness, but employed methods differing in detail from those of the regular lad.

Ben, lying bored in the hallway of his master's home, heard steps on the path outside.

SPECIAL DELIVERY

HE consulted his instincts, as a man might consult a wrist-watch, and found it was paper-delivery time. He cocked an eye to the letter-box, waiting for the papers to be pushed through.

But no such thing happened. Instead, the door was suddenly opened, and the thorough-going boy's arm appeared round it, bearing the papers. Ben leaped for the arm as if it had been marked "Consumer Goods," and addressed to him.

The boy yelled, rescue came, and, in due course, Ben's master was summoned for failing to keep his dog under proper control. The story was told to the magistrates, and a policeman went into the witness-box.

DOING HIS DUTY

"I've made inquiries about this dog's character," the policeman said gravely, "and everyone in the road spoke well of the animal."

"Is the dog's owner here?" the chairman of the bench inquired.

"He's sent his wife, sir," the policeman answered, and a pleasant-looking, middle-aged woman rose from her seat.

"This is all most unfortunate, sir," she said. "He's ever such a good dog, really, loves children. He was just doing his duty that day—telling someone there was a stranger in the house you see. The usual boy knows there's a dog, and just leaves the papers."

"I think the dog just thought there was someone creeping up, and... We wouldn't like to have him put to sleep, sir, he's a pedigree dog, and he's really very intelligent."

A WARNING

BEN'S mistress sat down, and the magistrates conferred. At last: "We don't think your dog is normally dangerous," the chairman announced, "but we give you a warning that you must not keep a dog that bites little boys."

"No, sir, of course not, sir, oh, thank you, sir," said Ben's mistress, and she hurried away from the courtroom to her home, to break the good news to her dog.

Round Tablers' Dance

More than 200 people, comprising members of the Hongkong Round Table and their guests thoroughly enjoyed themselves at their dinner-dance on the Malvern luxury liner mv. Victoria last night.

The Italian Consul, Mr. G. Rossi, was present with his party. Dinner included food specially prepared on board, Italian style by the chef.

No Mass Release Of War Criminals

Washington, July 27. The United States, in consultation with its world war allies of the Pacific campaign, has decided against mass release of Japanese war criminals in Tokyo's Sugamo prison, official sources said today.

This decision has been taken in the face of mounting pressure from Japan for a goodwill gesture on the tenth anniversary of Japan's surrender in 1945.

This pressure increased today with reports from London that the Soviet Union had decided to release 10 Japanese war criminals and soon supply Japan with a full list of names of the 1,010 former servicemen and 357 civilians also serving sentences in the Soviet Union.

Diplomatic sources said that representatives of Britain, Pakistan, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the Netherlands, France and the United States have been giving serious consideration to the problem of continued detention of Japanese war criminals.

These representatives appreciate conflicting aspects of the situation, principally that while Japan's relations with the West are damaged by the continuing imprisonment, the peoples of Australia, Britain, New Zealand and such nations would probably react vigorously against wholesale release of the prisoners, who include men convicted of actually perpetrating atrocities.

FAVOURABLE TOKEN

Therefore, it was thought here, although the allies would not agree to wholesale release of the 579 convicted war criminals, it was possible that further steps would be taken to review cases by smaller groups.

United States officials generally regarded the reports of the Soviet decision to move at least part of the way to meet Japan's demand for release of war criminals as a favourable token of improving international relations.

The move was interpreted more as part of the freeing of the diplomatic deadlock by the summit meeting in Geneva than a calculated attempt to embarrass the United States.

Read with the announcement that the United States would enter into direct talks with Communist China at the ambassadorial level in Geneva next month, the Soviet decision was regarded as a good augury for ending the war danger in the Far East.

POINTED REFERENCE

Diplomatic observers noted that in his press conference yesterday, Mr. John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, had drawn attention to statements by Chinese and American leaders in which the desire to settle international disputes without war had been mutually expressed.

Mr. Dulles' moderate language and his pointed reference to the common ground between the United States and Communist China increased hopes here that the "Big Two" Geneva meeting might lead to broader talks.

On the other hand, the difficulties standing in the way of a full-scale Far East peace conference—particularly the truculence of the Nationalist and Communist regimes towards each other—were not minimised.

But, with the friendlier atmosphere generated in East-West relations at Geneva, it was believed possible that the United States and China might be able to extend the present informal status in the Formosa Strait while exploring possibilities of a more permanent arrangement.

Reuter.

Swords Found In Woman's House

A 41-year-old housewife, Chan Chun-ying, of 532 Shanghai Street (first floor) was cautioned and discharged by Mr. W. S. Collier at Kowloon this morning for possession of two short swords.

The defendant pleaded guilty. The police stated that a party of police led by Sub-Inspector Murray on Tuesday raided the defendant's house where they discovered the swords in a basket near her bed. The weapons were ordered to be confiscated.

Lady Patricia Visits Welfare Centre



Sees Underprivileged Children At Work And At Play

During her visit to the Shanghai Street Children's Centre this morning, Lady Patricia Lennox-Boyd examined many examples of the children's carpentry, tailoring and rattan work.

Lady Patricia was accompanied by Lady Grantham whose idea it was to visit the centre. She explained that Lady Patricia did a great deal of work for the deaf and dumb in England, and she thought it might be a good idea to show her some of the work that Hongkong is doing for its poorer families.

Secretary Of State Takes Off His Coat

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much impressed by what he had seen of local industries. They had provided employment for a population which had increased in size immensely over a very short period of time.

"I recognise the prime necessity of the good and well-paid work for this very large population in a city which represents the show window in Asia for the ideals of freedom and good government for which the British Commonwealth stands," he said.

He was also very anxious to see the up-to-date and efficient methods adopted in the well-planned and organised modern factories of Hongkong.

"From what I have seen this morning, I have little doubt that a large section of Hongkong industry is organised on modern up-to-date grounds providing good labour conditions and well-paid employment. This will be a very great interest to me when I return," he said.

Asked whether the current Government policy in encouraging the development of the light industry would continue, Mr. Lennox-Boyd said he should think so. He also commended on the "very versatile and ingenious way in which they have found alternative employment for the people of Hongkong whose entrepot trade has been largely diminished."

Mail Notices

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 27
By Air
India-China, 6 a.m.
Formosa, 6 a.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
Surfaced
Indonesia, 4 p.m.
Indo-China, 4 p.m.
Macao, 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 28
By Air
Malaya, 11 a.m.
Guam, 11 a.m.
Philippines, Australia & New Zealand, 4 p.m.
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.
Philippines, Noon.
Thailand, 2 p.m.
Malaya, Ceylon, India, Aden, Middle East, Great Britain & Europe, 4 p.m.
Macao, 5 p.m.

REPAYMENT IN FULL

London, July 27. Some time today a man will drop a pound note in Baywater, west London, to repay a 24-year-old debt to fate.

He is 48-year-old Mr. George Shepherd, now holding a key job with a West Australian timber company.

In 1931 Mr. Shepherd, penniless, found a pound note in the same area. That lucky find was the turning point in his fortunes.

He said last night at the end of a 10,000-mile journey from Sarawak, Borneo: "I will walk along that certain square and drop the note when no one is looking."

"I have often thought about the loss of that note. It had been a worry—no knowing if he needed the money more than I did."

"But if my note does some good tomorrow perhaps the debt will be settled,"—China Mail Special.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.
6. Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.30, Lucky Dip (Variety); 7. Requests presented by Jean (Studio); 7.15, The Japanese Kabuki Theatre; 7.30, The Last in a Series of Five Talks by A.C. Scott (Recorded); 7.45, "The Magpies" Music and song by men from 7.30, London Studio Melodies, Mantovani and his Orchestra (BBC7S); 7.50, Weather Report; 8. Time Signal and the News (London Relay); 8.05, Commentary (London Relay) or Special Announcements; 8.15, Composer of the Week—Rachmaninoff; 8.45, Gypsy Nights; 9. Time Signal; 9.30, Western Four; Theatre, Marius Goring in "Aucasin and Nicolette" Translated and adapted by Rene Hagle. Produced by Douglas Cleverdon (BBC7S); 10.30, Rhythm and Romance; 10.50, Weather Report; 11. Time Signal; 11.05, News (London Relay); 11.00, Goodnight Music. Good Save The Queen; 11.30, Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

5, Children's Corner—conducted by Christine Joy, 5.30, Wednesday evening—presented by Betty; 6.30, Saturday Melodies; 6.30, The cocktail hour; 7. Personalities; 7.15, The Radio Four; 7.15, Primo Scala and his accordion band; 7.30, Concert favourites; 8. Time signal and the News (London Relay); 8.50, Weather report, announcements and interludes; 9.15, Hong Kong 700; 9.30, Diamond musical show—the latest in popular music; 9.45, Adventures of Malina starring Ann Southern; 9.55, Foxes; 10.30, The hour of charm—featuring Phil Spalding and his all-girl orchestra; 11. Date with dreamland—featuring the Emile Cio Singers; 11.30, Preview to midnight-popular concert favourites; 12 mid, Good Save The Queen; Close Down.

Driver Found Not Guilty

Gr. E. D. Jones, 20, of 42 Field Regiment, R. A. was found not guilty of careless driving and discharged by Mr. T. Creedon at Kowloon this morning.

Defendant was alleged to have driven a military motor truck in Clear Water Bay Road on May 2 without due care and attention. Several witnesses gave evidence that they came upon the defendant with his truck which was stationary in the highway. A Chinese woman, Chuan Kiu, was lying some distance behind the truck.

It was the Prosecution's case that the defendant reversed his vehicle and hit the woman who sustained injuries and died later.

Mr. Creedon upheld the submission by Mr. A. B. C. Comber representing the defendant that there was insufficient evidence to support the charge.

Carlsberg Beer Agents Sued For Damages

The circulation chief of the local newspaper, the Hongkong Times, who found himself a 1955 "Calendar Man" together with hula-hula girls from Tahiti (January) and travellers galavanting round the Pyramids on camel-back—all drinking Carlsberg Beer—sued the beer agents, East Asiatic Co Ltd., for damages in the Victoria District Court this morning.

The plaintiff, Lee Yock, asked for \$5,000 damages for libel which he claimed was contained in the October page of the 1955 Calendar distributed by East Asiatic to advertise Carlsberg beer.

The coloured photograph, taken on board a floating restaurant in Aberdeen against a background of Hongkong hills and junks, featured the plaintiff, his wife, sister and three others. Plaintiff claimed that this showed him drinking Carlsberg beer in public and in the company of others also drinking the same beer.

Plaintiff contended that he never knew that the photograph was to appear for advertisement purposes and that he never consented to this.

He was represented by Mr. J. C. B. Slack and the defendant company by Mr. Leslie Wright, instructed by Mr. H. J. Armstrong.

The libel action is being heard before Judge J. Reynolds.

EVIDENCE SUMMARISED

In a summary of the evidence to be called on behalf of the plaintiff, Mr. Slack said that the case centred round this photograph of the plaintiff and his friends which appeared in the calendar, East Asiatic Co. Ltd. He said that the plaintiff was the distribution and sale of Carlsberg beer and it was the plaintiff's case that they were also agents for the distribution of the calendars advertising the beer.

"The story opens on a certain Sunday in May last year," said Mr. Slack. "In the middle of that morning a Miss Jenny Chu, who also appears in this photograph, came to the plaintiff's house in Wanchai where the plaintiff, his wife, and his sister resided. This lady invited the plaintiff to go out with her and some mutual friends."

"This invitation was accorded to the plaintiff and his family at very short notice and they had made other plans for the day. However they finally accepted the invitation and got into a car outside their house."

Mr. Slack continued that the car was driven by a man unknown to the plaintiff but they were introduced, on the way and the party drove to the Star Ferry near the offices of the East Asiatic Co., where they were met by some mutual friends in another car together with one or two people the plaintiff did not know.

The cars proceeded to Aberdeen where they met a third car with two other people who the plaintiff and his family understood later to be members of the East Asiatic Co., said Mr. Slack.

The whole party, about 12 or more persons, crossed over to the Tai Pak Restaurant in two groups. They were served with drinks and formally introduced.

Mr. Slack said that the plaintiff's party circulated round to two or three tables, drinking beer. Ultimately at a table in the far corner of the restaurant six of the party were photographed. Three of this group were the plaintiff, his wife, and his sister. They were snatched round this table, some standing, drinking Carlsberg beer."

Mr. Slack added that there was another picture taken from the restaurant looking down into a sump, but this did not include the plaintiff.

"It is the plaintiff's contention that he never asked for the photograph to be taken; that he never knew it was being taken for advertising purposes; and that he never in fact consented, nor did his wife nor did his sister, to this photograph being taken," said Mr. Slack.

He continued that after the photographs the party had lunch and then the party broke up. The plaintiff and his family were given a lift to Repulse Bay to enjoy the swim they had previously planned.

"Early in January, this year, one of the persons in the photograph went to a restaurant in Nathan Road and upon his ordering a drink the waiter pointed out his likeness to that of a photograph in the calendar," continued Mr. Slack.

"This witness, to say the least, was extremely surprised to see this and wasted no time in getting in touch with the plaintiff and other people who appeared in the photograph. They carefully examined this calendar and were somewhat surprised at seeing themselves in a calendar consisting of obviously posed advertising photographs. There can be found, among others in this calendar, hula-hula girls from Tahiti in January, and to go to the other extreme, professional models, obviously posing as tourists galavanting round the Pyramids on camels. Not only are the professional models on camels enjoying drinks, but they are also carrying huge cartons of Carlsberg beer," Mr. Slack declared.

"It is the plaintiff's contention that the world at large on seeing the photographs displayed in this manner would be bound to feel that the plaintiff, his wife, and his sister posed for this photograph for reasons of gain or reward," he said.

EMPLOYERS' REACTIONS

Mr. Slack explained that the plaintiff was the circulation manager of the Hongkong Times and in that position he was a publicity finder, not a publicity seeker. He was also under contract to the Hongkong Times. His employers also saw the photograph in the calendar and exactly how they felt about it was contained in a letter they sent to the plaintiff, pointing out certain factors such as that it was in breach of his agreement with the company and suggesting that he was being employed as a model by some other firm.

The Court would learn of the probability of its effect on the plaintiff's promotion in the Hongkong Times.

Mr. Slack said that the plaintiff took what steps he could to have the calendar withdrawn. He went to see Miss Chu who had invited him out and also saw a Miss Fong who was employed by the East Asiatic Co.

A letter regarding legal action was written on March 4 and throughout the preliminaries the defendant firm had taken no steps whatsoever as far as the plaintiff was aware to have the calendar withdrawn.

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ALLEGED SMUGGLING ATTEMPT

The master of a junk and two sailors were charged before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning with attempting to export a large quantity of kerosene without a licence, being underway without navigation lights, failing to stop when called upon to do so, and carrying dangerous goods.

They were remanded for 24 hours in custody for further enquiries.

The defendants are Din Kau, 41, master of junk F350HC; Wong Wing, 28, and Wu Luk, both sailors.

It is alleged that the defendants committed the offences at 1 a.m. today on junk F350HC, while off the south shore of Ching Yee Island. The kerosene amounts to 27 four-gallon tins.

CAR COLLIDES WITH TRAM

A man received slight injuries to his forehead when the vehicle in which he was travelling as a passenger was involved in an accident with a tramcar about 10 a.m. today near the Bank of China Building.

The vehicle, a left-hand drive American model, had come down from Garden Road and turned left when the accident occurred.

Just prior to being hit broadside by an east-bound tram, the driver applied his brake and the force threw his passenger forward, his head hitting the windshield.

The injured man was taken to the hospital by an ambulance. The front near-side door of the car was damaged.

EUROPEAN BOY ROBBED

A European boy was robbed by two Chinese men at Magazine Gap Road shortly after 11 o'clock this morning. No other details are as yet available. The Police are investigating.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Now you and Emily go right ahead and have all the fun you want, Mr. Hoke—just forget that I'm along!"

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